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Air Force Vice Chief of Staff Gen. Robert H. Foglesong, left, and Ellie Bowling pin two-star epaulets on CAP National Commander Maj. Gen. Richard L. Bowling's shoulders during a promotion ceremony Dec. 3 in Washington, D.C. CAP National Vice Commander Brig. Gen. Dwight H. Wheless was also promoted during the same ceremony. Story on Page 3.

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CAP charter member of National Citizens Corps Council; President Bush nominates Maj. Gen. Bowling as CAP rep

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS — The Civil Air Patrol has been named a charter member of the newly formed National Citizen Corps Council and CAP National Commander Maj. Gen. Richard L. Bowling was nominated by President George Bush to be CAP's official representative.

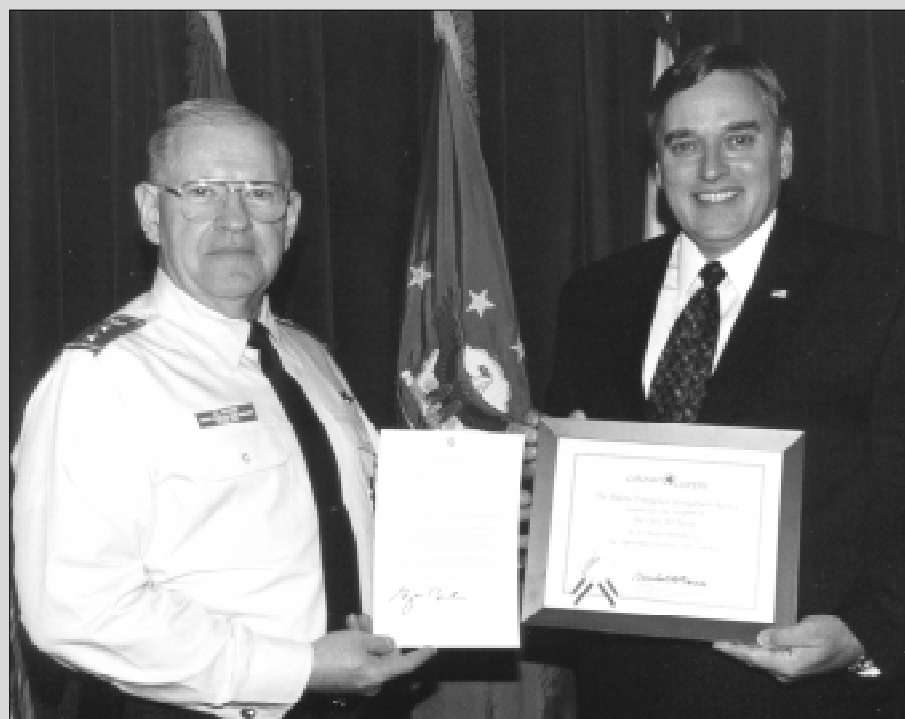
At the council's inaugural meeting Dec. 4, Federal Emergency Management Agency Deputy Director Mike Brown and Homeland Security Director Tom Ridge announced the formation of the national council. The goal is to bring together leaders from first-responder groups, emergency management agencies, volunteer service organizations, state and local governments, and the private sector to engage citizens in homeland security, and promote community and family preparedness across the country.

The leadership of these organizations and their colleagues at the state and local levels will collaborate to create local Citizen Corps councils and to advance the mission of the Citizen Corps.

According to Bowling, CAP's presence on the council is a wonderful opportunity for CAP members.

"Our membership on the National Citizen Corps Council opens the door for our membership to further immerse themselves in America's homeland security arena and it provides us with another avenue for carrying out our patriotic duty to ensure our 'eyes of the home skies' are always vigilant," stated Bowling.

The council, which is coordinated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, is the component of the USA Freedom Corps. The purpose of the Freedom Corps is to create opportunities for individuals to volunteer to help their communities prepare



Maj. Gen. Richard L. Bowling, left, Civil Air Patrol national commander, and Col. Al Allenback, executive director of CAP National Headquarters, proudly display a thank-you letter signed by President Bush and a National Citizen Corps Council commendation certificate. CAP was recently named a charter member of the Citizen Corps, and Bowling was nominated by the president to serve as CAP's representative.

for and respond to emergencies by bringing together local leaders.

At the meeting, the charge to the National Citizen Corps Council members was released. The members will:

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Maj. Gen. Richard L. Bowling, CAP National Commander

- Identify opportunities for local, state, tribal and federal organizations to collaborate to accomplish the shared goals of the Citizen Corps programs;

- Engage in an ongoing discussion regarding the best ways to develop and support local Citizen Corps

Councils and advance the Citizen Corps mission across the country;

- Exchange facts and information on programs to promote public awareness, training, safety and volunteer service opportunities and on safety and preparedness messages to be conveyed to the public;

- Develop and disseminate messages on safety and emergency preparedness that will be effective in engaging communities and individuals in Citizen Corps; and

- Serve as the catalyst for engaging

others within their areas of expertise to promote the Citizen Corps mission.

The full National Citizen Corps Council will meet twice each year; smaller working groups will meet more frequently.

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CAP national commander, vice receive promotions

AF vice chief hosts ceremony in Washington, D.C.

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS — U.S. Air Force Vice Chief of Staff Gen. Robert H. Foglesong hosted a ceremony in Washington, D.C., Dec. 3 to promote the two highest-ranking commanders in Civil Air Patrol, the Air Force's official civilian auxiliary.

Brig. Gen. Richard L. Bowling, CAP national commander, was promoted to the rank of major general, and Col. Dwight H. Wheless, CAP national vice-commander, was promoted to brigadier general.

U.S. Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper announced the promotions in early November, citing the 62,000-member organization's "proud record of service in war and peace" and its "coming role in homeland security" as deciding factors in ordering the promotions.

Foglesong conducted the

pinning ceremony, which included the U.S. Air Force Color Guard and members of the U.S. Air Force Band.

"This occasion is about how relevant CAP will be in the future," Foglesong said in his remarks during the ceremony. "You have done marvelous things in the past year and a half since Sept. 11."

The Air Force vice chief referred to the surveillance, damage assessment and disaster relief performed by CAP members throughout the country after the 2001 terrorist attacks. The Air Force recently moved CAP from its operations directorate to its new homeland security directorate under Brig. Gen. David E. Clary.

"The Air Force and CAP are dedicated to go down this aisle together — to stay married — to accomplish those elements of our missions that are critical to this great na-

tion," said Foglesong.

The pinning ceremony took place at the Wardman Park Marriott Hotel in conjunction with CAP's semianual Board of Governors meeting.

"This ceremony today marks an occasion never seen before in CAP," Bowling said. "General Wheless and I received the stars, but the entire organization received the promotion."

Bowling, who lives in Knoxville, Tenn., has been a member of CAP since 1961. He is a mission pilot, master observer and Federal Aviation Administration flight safety counselor. In 1999, he served on the Integrated Process Team that helped restructure CAP and CAP-U.S. Air Force responsibilities. Bowling is vice president and general manager of Russell Montgomery & Association, a Tennessee-based human



Left, CAP National Commander Maj. Gen. Richard L. Bowling administers the oath of office to the newly promoted CAP national vice commander, Brig. Gen. Dwight H. Wheless.

resources consulting firm.

"Today has sent a true signal to our troops that this partnership is good for the U.S. Air Force," Wheless said. "And if it's good for them, it's good for CAP and America."

Wheless joined CAP in

1981 and has served the auxiliary at the local, wing and national levels, including work as a mission pilot and national legal officer. He has practiced law in Manteo, N.C., for more than 26 years, and served 21 years there as a county attorney.

CAP volunteers aid victims, assess tornado damage

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS — Members of the Tennessee and Indiana wings were called on last weekend to assess tornado damage and help many of the victims.

The CAP volunteers were there to help their own communities after 88 tornadoes swept through the eastern United States over the Veterans' Day weekend.

The CAP National Operations Center at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., took calls Nov. 11 from the National Weather Service in Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi and Indiana. The states requested support in the face of significant property damage, loss of life and widespread injuries. CAP responded immediately.

The operations center, which began operations Oct. 1 as a way to streamline communications for CAP missions, performed well in the face of its first multi-state emergency, ac-

cording to Col. Al Allenback, CAP executive director.

"The NOC is the clearinghouse for all CAP missions, and its role is particularly important in emergencies such as this when our wings in several states are called upon to respond simultaneously," he said.

The Tennessee Wing flew three sorties for the American Red Cross and Tennessee Emergency Management Agency Nov. 11 and also provided ground crews to assist residents in Morgan County, Tenn. Forty ground team members searched storm debris for 14 missing persons, ultimately identifying six who had moved to safe quarters and eight who had died. The team assisted the Federal Emergency Management Agency in surveying residents about the extent of their property damage, and also helped victims recover personal items from the debris.



Members of Tennessee Wing's McGhee Tyson, Oak Ridge, Knoxville 1 and Knoxville 3 Composite squadrons conduct a line search at a tornado disaster site in Morgan County, Tenn., Nov. 12.

Once weather permitted, the Tennessee Wing flew a storm expert from the National Weather Service to damage sites in the state to document the storms path and strength. In Indiana, wing members flew an NWS expert on a similar assessment sortie. In Mississippi, wing volunteers assisted the Mississippi Emer-

gency Management Agency in assessing damage in the Columbus area.

CAP personnel in Alabama were placed on alert, but were not called to active duty.

In all, 36 people were killed in the string of tornadoes that swept

Smith new Iowa Wing commander

Capt. Julia Bachtell
Public Affairs Officer
North Central Region

IOWA — If there is a wing commander who thinks safety, it is the new Iowa Wing commander.

Col. Russell Smith was the director of operations for Iowa and safety was his ongoing topic.

Everyone knew when Smith was around because he was always asking about how safe you were or thought you were. Iowa has learned much from him in the years he has been with the wing, and the members

have become more safety conscious because of him.

Smith, a native of Michigan, graduated from Ferris State University in Big Rapids, Mich., in 1972. He received his master's degree in public administration from Central Michigan University in 1987.

Smith joined Civil Air Patrol in Bay City, Mich., in January 1973. He was the founding commander of the Bay City Cadet Squadron, which is still in existence.

While living in Michigan, the colonel attended National Staff College, was the direc-

tor of Cadet Programs, attended International Air Cadet Exchange in 1982 and visited Switzerland, and was group commander for the Upper Peninsula Group IX in Marquette, Mich.

The Smiths moved to Washington in 1989 and he became the squadron commander of the Spokane Composite Squadron in the early 1990s. He moved to Iowa in 1998.

Smith is an incident commander, check pilot, mission check pilot, mission pilot and a mission observer.

Smith and his wife, Joyce, who is also a CAP member, have three children.

The colonel enjoys reading and studying history, especially military history.



Col. Russell Smith

Canadian DV at national



Photo by Melanie Lemay

Maj. Gen. Lionel Bourgeois of the Air Cadet League of Canada, right, examines a CAP Maule MT-7-235 with John Sharp, chief of flight training at CAP National Headquarters. Bourgeois met with headquarters staff Oct. 18 to discuss CAP's glider program. Because the Air Cadet League is looking for glider tow planes, Bourgeois was particularly interested in seeing the Maule, one of 15 purchased by CAP to tow gliders.

October issue correction

On Page 16 of the October *Civil Air Patrol News*, Air Force Chief of Chaplains Maj. Gen. Lorraine K. Potter was mistakenly identified as a brigadier general.

The staff regrets the error.

CO, NM members team up to locate downed Piper

COLORADO — Colorado and New Mexico Wing members worked together to find a single-engine Piper PA-28R-200 that crashed Sept. 23 in heavily wooded, mountainous terrain near Durango, Colo.

Members of Colorado Wing's Cortez Senior and San Juan Composite squadrons, along with members of New Mexico Wing's Farmington Composite Squadron, joined other search and rescue workers in the search. The plane, which carried two pilots from a Denver-based flying club, was en route from Farmington, N.M., to Centennial, Colo.

Searchers said a U.S. Air Force search and rescue satellite detected a signal from the Piper's emergency locator transmitter about the same time the plane was reported overdue at an airport in Centennial. Personnel from the U.S. Air Force Rescue Coordination Center at Langley Air Force Base, Va., contacted Colorado Wing representatives just after 10 p.m. to initiate the search. Just after 7 a.m. the following morning, the Piper was found from the air by Capt. Scott Zenonian of the Farmington squadron, and Steve Waters of the Colorado Wing, flying a plane assigned to the Farmington squadron.

There were no survivors.

Capt. John Ball, commander of the San Juan squadron and incident commander, said the volunteers worked quickly, and New Mexico Wing personnel and aircraft played a critical role in the find.

Help support CAP's heritage

The Civil Air Patrol Historical Foundation is offering a piece of CAP history to members and supporters. Members can get an item of CAP history while helping preserve CAP's proud heritage through the CAP Historical Foundation.

A \$20 donation to the CAPHF will be rewarded with the story of CAP Coastal Patrol on home video — the 12-minute "CAP Subchasers of WWII" on VHS. The latest history book on the Coastal Patrol, *From Maine to Mexico*, is also available for a \$20 donation.

Postwar CAP, as the auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, is celebrated in a color reproduction of an actual 1950s-vintage official poster titled, "On the Air Force Team." The poster depicts CAP's L-16 search plane and Air Force fighters of the period. It's available for a \$15 donation.

Orders are also being accepted for a limited number of jacket patches and flight-bag stickers featuring the World War II Coastal Patrol "Little Plane — Big Bomb" insignia, as adopted (with permission) by the CAP Historical Foundation. A \$15 donation is requested for each.

CAPHF is officially recognized by the CAP. All contributions are tax deductible. Address donations (checks payable to: CAP Historical Foundation) and desired historical item(s) to: Drew Steketee, CAPHF Executive Director, 21212 Sweetgrass Way, Ashburn, VA 20147.



SE Region member new national safety officer

Lt. Col. Melinda M. Lord
Tennessee Wing

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS — Civil Air Patrol National Commander Maj. Gen. Richard L. Bowling has chosen the Tennessee Wing inspector general to serve as the CAP national safety officer.

As CAP's first-ever NSO, Lt. Col. William K. Lord will advise the national commander on CAP's nationwide accident-prevention program.

Lord was selected based on his previous experience as safety officer for the Southeast Region and Tennessee Wing. He also received the CAP National Safety Officer of the Year Award while serving

as the wing's safety officer.

Lord is a private pilot with an instrument rating and more than 500 accident-free flying hours. He has completed Phase Four of the Federal Aviation Administration Accident Prevention Program.

Lord is a member of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association and the Experimental Aircraft Association.

Lord is a volunteer instructor in wilderness and standard first aid, and infant, child and adult CPR. He is certified in emergency mountain rescue by East Tennessee State University.

Lord served in Vietnam as a gunner's mate third class aboard the USS King while in the Navy.



Lt. Col. William K. Lord

Rushing new TN Wing commander

Lt. Col. Melinda M. Lord
Tennessee Wing

TENNESSEE — Col. James M. Rushing became the new Tennessee Wing commander Nov. 2.

Rushing was sworn in by CAP National Commander Maj. Gen. Richard L. Bowling and Southeast Region Commander Col. Antonio J. Pineda during the wing's annual conference.

"Colonel Rushing is the most qualified person for the job," said former Tennessee Wing Commander Col. Joseph C. Meighan III. "He has served as my vice commander for the last three years and has done a tremendous job."

As wing commander, Rushing is responsible for establishing plans, policies and procedures necessary to accomplish the wing's numerous missions. The wing has more than 1,200 members in 40 units across the state.

Col. Rushing joined CAP in February 1992 and has

served in various positions including Knoxville Senior 1 administrative officer, Knoxville Senior 1 squadron commander, Group 1 commander and Tennessee Wing vice commander.

Rushing has been awarded the Gill Robb Wilson Award for completing all five levels of the Senior Training Program, including graduation from the CAP National Staff College.

Rushing was selected as the wing's senior member of the year in 1999, and has been awarded the Exceptional Service Award, Meritorious Service Award and Commander's Commendation.

Rushing is a private pilot with an instrument rating and is owner of a Cessna 182. He is currently qualified as CAP senior pilot, search and rescue/disaster relief

mission pilot, cadet orientation pilot, counterdrug flight crew member, mountain flying, incident commander and air branch director.

Rushing is a member of the Aircraft Owners and Pilot Association, as well as the Cessna Pilot Association.

Rushing is a senior mechanical engineering specialist at Alcoa, Inc., for FRP Engineering, and is a resident of Maryville, Tenn. He holds a bachelor's degree in electrical and mechanical engineering from the University of Tennessee, and a master's degree in manufacturing engineering from Carnegie-Mellon.

Rushing has served as a member of the Industrial Advisory Board of Oklahoma State University's Web Handling Research Center since 1995 and as its chairman of the board since 2001.



Col. James M. Rushing



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Colorado foothills hike



Photo by 2nd Lt. Chad Morris

Colorado Wing Commander Col. Jack Buschmann accepts a check for \$2,000 from 1st Lt. Lance Cartrite, cadet deputy commander of Colorado Wing's Foothills Cadet Squadron. Nineteen squadron cadets hiked 56 miles — climbing more than 7,000 vertical feet — over a three-day period this past summer to raise money for the victims of the Sept. 11 tragedy. Numerous local sponsors, including KEM Printing, Kermitt's Roadhouse, The Hamburger Stand, McDonalds and the Clear Creek Fire Department, not only helped the cadets raise funds but also provided support for the hikers.

New wing bosses in Maine, New Hampshire

Lt. Col. Constance M. O'Grady
Director of Public Affairs
Northeast Region

NORTHEAST REGION — Two new commander's assumed command of their wings during the Northeast Region Conference in Worcester, Mass., in September.

During the first change-of-command ceremony, Col. James Linker turned over command of the Maine Wing to Col. Mitchell P. Sammons.

Sammons joined Civil Air Patrol in September 1998 and is rated as an orientation pilot and mission pilot with two "finds" and one "save." He is also a qualified mission scanner, observer and air operations director.

Sammons attended Squadron Leadership School, the Corporate Learning Course, and the Senior Training Program for Cadet Leaders in 1999.

In 2000, Sammons attended the AFRCC Search and Rescue Management Course. This year, he attended the Emergency Services Curriculum Project, Train-the-Trainer Course, completed Level 3 and attended the CAP Inspector General School at Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M.

Sammons has served as the wing vice commander since 2001. He has also served as the wing's Waterville

Composite Squadron commander for three years.

In private life, Sammons is vice president in charge of finance and administration of the Sheridan Corporation. He is also chairman of the Maine Chamber Workers Compensation Group Trust and serves as a member of the board of directors of the Town of Fairfield Economic Development Corporation.

The colonel graduated in 1974 from the University of Maine with a degree in liberal arts, and completed graduate work in financial administration at



Col. Marge Sambold

Husson College in Bangor, Maine, and Thomas College in Waterville, Maine.

A resident of Belgrade, Maine, Sammons has been married for 27 years and has two children.

During the second change of command, Lt. Col. Marge Sambold was promoted to colonel and succeeded Col. Kenneth J. Herman as commander of the New Hampshire Wing.

Sambold is originally from McKees Rock, Penn. She started in the field of banking and graduated from the American Institute of Banking after high school. She was employed in the banking field for 33

years and rose from a teller to vice president while her husband, the late Col. Albert J. Sambold and former New Hampshire Wing commander, served in the Air Force.

Sambold joined CAP in 1989 and shortly after became the wing public affairs officer. She became commander of the Seacoast Composite Squadron in 1993 and wing vice commander in 1999.

Sambold is a CAP mission scanner and observer, and has a PAO master rating.

The colonel graduated from the Inland SAR School, National SAR School, NER Staff College, National Staff College, Unit Commander Course and Radiological Monitoring Course.

Sambold was awarded the Brig. Gen. Charles E. "Chuck" Yeager Aerospace Education Award, two commander's commendations — one as the Seacoast squadron commander and one as wing vice commander. She was also chosen Squadron Commander of the Year for New Hampshire in 1996 and '97.

Sambold is presently the owner of a photo and hobby shop in North Hampton, N.H., and is state treasurer of the New Hampshire Business and Professional Women's Association. She has three children and two grandchildren.



Col. Mitchell P. Sammons

Devoted service

Civil Air Patrol members and aviation enthusiasts from across the state of Delaware gathered in Wilmington to induct state aviation pioneers into the Delaware Aviation Hall of Fame. At that time, CAP members also honored Col. Louisa Spruance Morse with a plaque for her 60 years of devoted service to CAP and America. Spruance served as the Delaware Wing commander for 24 years (1952-1976), and as the Middle East Region commander, national controller and national historian. From left are Cadets 2nd Lt. Robert L. Staton and 1st Lt. Jerry A. Horn Jr., Morse, Cadet 2nd Lt. Nicholas A. Horn, and Air Force Col. Richard L. Anderson, chief of the Air Force Auxiliary Division in the Directorate of Homeland Security at the Pentagon and former CAP national commander.



Photo by Col Raymond E. Harris

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Virginia Wing's Augusta Composite Squadron makes CAP history

3 sisters receive Gen. Billy Mitchell Award at same time

**2d Lt. Leigh Arbaugh &
2d Lt. Patty Gentile**
*Augusta Composite Squadron
Virginia Wing*

VIRGINIA — The Gen. Billy Mitchell Award was presented to sisters at the same time — Virginia, Kate and Erin Lamnick — a first for Virginia Wing's Augusta Composite Squadron of Waynesboro, Va., and Civil Air Patrol.

The three sisters were presented not only the Mitchell award, but also special congratulation from Virginia Governor Mark R. Warner, Virginia Senator George Allen, Congressman Bob Goodlatte and the Virginia General Assembly.

After receiving their awards, the sisters were promoted to second lieutenant by Virginia Wing Commander Col. Joseph R. Vazquez and 1st Lt. Terry Gentile, Augusta squadron commander.

Dignitaries attending included Virginia delegates

Chris Saxman and Steve Landis, Waynesboro Mayor Charles Ricketts, Staunton Vice Mayor Ronald Robinson, Augusta County Supervisor Orvin Kiser, Augusta County School Superintendent Dr. Gary D. McQuain, and representatives from the Virginia State Police, and Waynesboro and Staunton Police departments.

The awards and promotion ceremony was held in the hangar of Rick and Leslie Hock at the Waynesboro Eagle's Nest Airport.

Virginia Lamneck joined CAP in June 2000. She is a senior at Buffalo Gap High School and does not envision a military career, but said she wants to work toward her private pilot license. She is considering attending Mary Washington College or Roanoke College.

"It's so overwhelming that we could work together as a team and accomplish this together," said Virginia.

Kate Lamneck also joined CAP in June 2000.

The 15-year old sophomore at Buffalo Gap High School plans to enlist in the U.S. Air Force after graduation.

She said working with her sisters in the cadet program has been a good experience.

"It's been pretty exciting," she said. "Hopefully we can stay the same rank, help each other and excel."

Erin Lamneck joined CAP in August 2000. The 13-year old eighth grader at Beverley Manor Middle School wants to become a lawyer and eventually a politician.

The cadet program has been a family affair for the Lamnecks. Their father, F.C. Lamneck, is a master sergeant in the Air Force Reserve. He works as a liaison noncommissioned officer between the Air Force, CAP and the CAP cadet program.

"I could retire, but I enjoy working with the kids," said Lamneck, who is scheduled to deploy to the Middle East for three to six months.



Left, 1st Lt. Terry Gentile, commander of Virginia Wing's Augusta Composite Squadron, poses for a picture with the three Lamnick sisters — Virginia, Kate and Erin. The three made Civil Air Patrol and unit history when they received their Gen. Billy Mitchell awards at the same time.

Having their picture on the front pages of local newspapers and being on the "11 o'clock news" hasn't changed the girls in the least. The three sisters remain focused on helping mold, train and lead a young squadron.

Also promoted with the Lamnick sisters during the ceremony were Basic Shrader to airman, Basic Vanderhoof to airman and Basic Rakes to airman. Sr.

Mbr. Donald Wilson was promoted to second lieutenant.

"Thanks to all of the senior members for their hard work in planning this great awards ceremony," said Gentile. Members who helped included: 2nd Lt. Donald Wilson, 2nd Lt. Patty Gentile, 2nd Lt. Leigh Arbaugh, 2nd Lt. Joe Arbaugh, 2nd Lt. David Arbaugh, 2nd Lt. Cindy Smith and Sr. Mbr. Danette Wilson.

New Colorado squadron



Photo by 1st Lt. Mike Daniles

Members of Colorado Wing's newest unit — the Platte Canyon Griffins Cadet Squadron — pose for a picture during in between orientation flights being given by pilots from the wing's Black Sheep Senior Squadron. Pictured are, from left, cadets Airmen Jeff Schanno, Jessica Walls, Drue Gulley, Cory Markel and Derek Reavis, and Capt. David Hurtado, commander of the Black Sheep Senior Squadron.

China tour slated for May 2003

ALABAMA — China's Beijing Aviators Association will host an aviation-oriented cultural tour of China May 16-31, 2003.

According to Edward J. Komyati, organizer of the last six China tours, the tour will include a return visit to Nanjing to visit the monument dedicated to the airmen who flew and died defending China from 1931-'45, and visits to original operational sites used by the Flying Tigers.

The tour is scheduled to depart Los Angeles for Beijing on May 16. The group will spend three days there and visit many historical and cultural sites in China's capital city. Events there will include a "Beijing Duck" banquet hosted by the BAA and COITS, our China travel service, as well as tours of the Forbidden City, Tian'ammen Square, Imperial Summer Palace, Great Wall of China

and China Aviation Museum.

Xian, in Central China is the second stop. Participants will visit the excavation site of the world famous terracotta figures, Wild Goose Pagoda, Imperial Resort of Huaging and Bampo Neolithic site.

Kunming, the Southwestern City of Eternal Spring, is considered a historical aviation Mecca as it was the original home of the American Volunteer Group renowned as the Flying Tigers. It also served as the primary China air terminal for the Army Air Forces Air Transport Command during World War II. The tour will visit the "Hump" flyer's memorial and the renowned Stone Forest while in Kunming and banquet with the host Kunming Aviators Association member.

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Cadet opens door for mom's career — in U.S. Air Force

It was an unlikely avenue to an unlikely career for Christine Blice-Baum, a 40-year old mother of two with a doctorate in church music. Nevertheless, she followed her 12-year-old son into the Civil Air Patrol, and less than two years later, moved on to join the active-duty Air Force. Today she is a commissioned officer, serving as one of only 30 female chaplains in the U.S. Air Force.

Christine Blice-Baum didn't grow up or marry into a military family. She had earned her doctor of musical arts degree from the Manhattan School of Music in New York, had served as a tenured professor and campus chaplain at Thiel College in Pennsylvania, and was married to a Lutheran minister and deeply involved in the work of their church. Thus, she was surprised when her son, Stephen, expressed interest in the CAP, the civilian auxiliary of the Air Force.

Stephen was interested in the cadet program offered at Youngstown-Warren AFB near their home in Howland, Ohio, since he envisioned a possible career in the Air Force. Ever the supportive mom, Blice-Baum tagged along for some of the meetings. "The squadron had a lot of active senior members, too," she remembers. "I was looking for a way to volunteer in the community, so I was glad when the squadron chaplain asked if I'd teach some moral leadership classes for them. It seemed like a good way to minister. I saw the core values for CAP — integrity, service and excellence — and I knew those were values I wanted to promote."

Thus, Mom joined her son's unit and became an adult leader. "Mine was a ministry of presence," she says, "because we were there to help, to be chaperones and to be 'visual reminders of the Holy.'"

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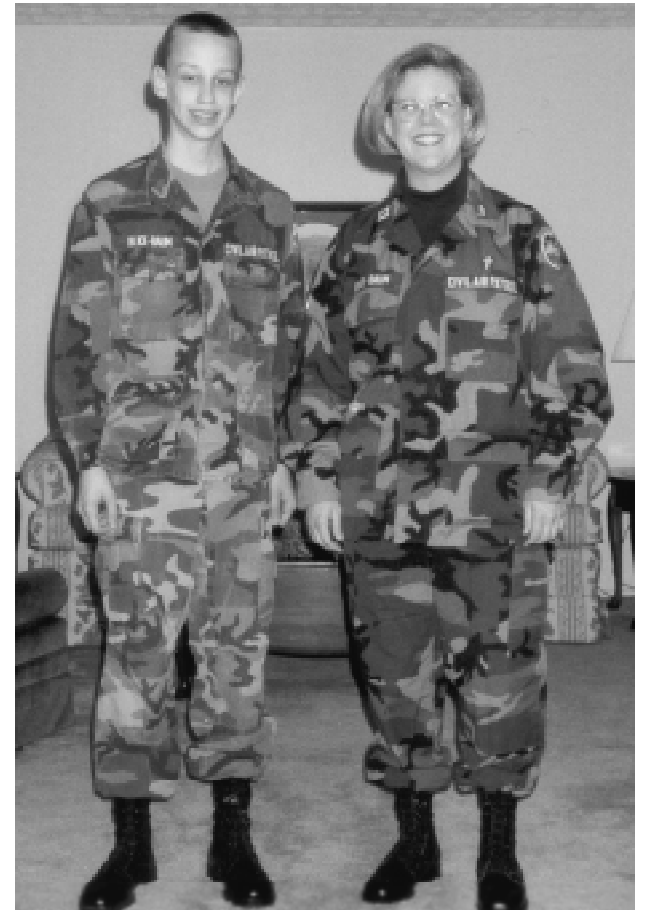
It was her first taste of military life. "I liked the customs and courtesies," she admits. "I liked the respect the cadets showed, calling me 'ma'am' in an area of the country where kids usually don't speak to adults that way, and standing at attention when I walked into the room. Actually, the cadets were the ones who helped me understand the rationale behind saluting, respect to officers, and even drill and ceremony. I liked the cadets' interest in CAP, their sense of doing the right thing and helping their community and their country. And I liked that they were getting useful training — skills in search-and-rescue, physical workouts and self-discipline."

Blice-Baum's "ministry of presence" extended to the senior CAP members as well. "I spent time with the adults, helping what whatever needed to be done," she says. "I learned what their jobs were, what they were like as individuals, how they needed support."



Air Force Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Christine Blice-Baum teaches students attending the Chaplain Assistant Apprentice Course at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

Eighteen months later, Col. Lloyd Lyngdal, the ecclesiastical endorser for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, a retired Air Force chaplain who had met Blice-Baum through CAP when she was



Right, Air Force Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Christine Blice-Baum and her son, Stephen.

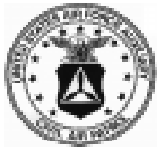
endorsed, suggested she consider active-duty chaplaincy.

"It was a matter of hearing God's call and responding," she says. "A military chaplain, regardless of his or her faith background, represents something greater than himself or his faith. A military chaplain upholds the First Amendment right to freedom of religion."

Because she already was an ordained minister and had almost 12 years of pastoral experience, Blice-Baum was commissioned as an officer. She was 41 when she went to Commissioned Officer Training at Maxwell AFB's Gunter Annex in Montgomery, Ala.

Blice-Baum's experience in CAP stood her in good stead as she adjusted to military life. "It was in CAP that I experienced my first dining in, putting me way ahead of my colleagues in chaplain school," she says. "And in CAP, I had received the USAF Chaplain Manual on Military Funerals — the same one used by the Air Force for basic chaplain students. When I had to do my first military funeral even before I'd had a chance to attend chaplain school, I had the resources I needed to do the job."

After a two-year tour at Shaw AFB, during which she and Stephen transferred their CAP membership to



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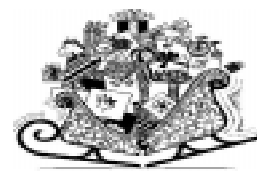


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CAP plays vital role in promoting AE in America

Our country's aerospace community is facing some tough challenges. Experienced aerospace industry workers are aging, averaging over 50 years old. Meanwhile, the number of college graduates with science and engineering degrees going into aerospace careers is declining significantly. The talent base is dwindling. What can America do? What can Civil Air Patrol do?

Recently I read an article in the National Aeronautics Association's May/June 2002 newsletter that succinctly addresses this problem, and with their permission, I have included it in my column. But, before you read it, I'd like to mention a few thoughts of my own.

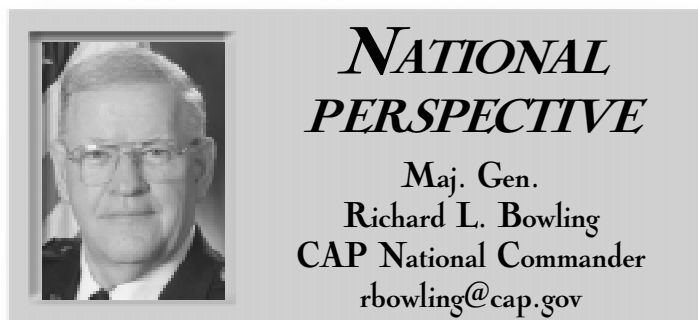
In my view, the solution begins in our schools; it begins with educating kids from kindergarten through twelfth grade. Long before students graduate from college with science or engineering degrees, they need to be exposed to the wonders of aviation and space. Students need this knowledge in increasing doses from the very beginning of their education; and this, I'm proud to say, is where CAP can and does play a major role.

As you all know, CAP has a congressionally mandated mission to encourage and aid American citizens in the development of aerospace education. One way we are achieving this mission is through our dedicated efforts to reach America's school children. Through our outreach, we have more than 1,500 aerospace education members (mostly teachers) reaching students on a continual basis in the promotion of aerospace education. If we stopped right there, we could accurately state that we were reaching several thousand young people, but it doesn't stop there. Through our national headquarters staff and many wonderful volunteers, we are visiting classrooms and conducting workshops and

seminars throughout the nation. We reach approximately 300,000 students each year.

Our aerospace education outreach doesn't stop with the classrooms of America. We also reach thousands of young people through our vibrant CAP cadet program that offers aviation and space education in a myriad of ways.

Each year, CAP conducts many national



activities that are aerospace-related. Thousands of cadets are given the opportunity to work with aviation and space projects, study aerospace academics, and learn about advanced aviation and space technologies. Additionally, our cadet text materials, the *Aerospace Dimensions* modules and *Aerospace: The Journey of Flight* provide the most comprehensive aerospace education learning experience available in America today. And, the learning experience we are most proud of — our cadets receive exposure to the most powerful aerospace entity in the world today, our U.S. Air Force.

The aerospace community recognizes that CAP is playing a vital role in promoting aerospace education throughout America — in our schools and in our cadet program. In recognition of our efforts, CAP received both the 2002 Air Force Association's Hoyt S. Vandenberg Award for Excellence in Aerospace Education, and the 2002 Space Foundation's Education Achievement Award.

As you read the following article, stop, reflect and realize that CAP is doing something to reverse this negative trend in aerospace employee shortages, and we are doing it now! We are making a difference for our children and for our country. It is my belief that introducing aerospace education to students will produce many graduates who will go on to become successful, productive members of the American

aerospace community.

Now, please take a moment and read the NAA article below. My thanks go to the NAA for allowing us to reprint this article for the edification of our members. We have been a dedicated member of the NAA for many years. This article is entitled, "U.S. Aerospace Leadership: A Wake Up Call." It was written by John W. Douglass, president and chief executive officer of Aerospace Industries Association.

"The U.S. aerospace work force is declining. That's hardly a secret. But it is a trend gaining momentum.

"Many factors contribute: The end of the Cold War leading to aerospace industry consolidation, foreign competition, which has reduced U.S. commercial aircraft market share, recession, shock waves from the September terrorist attacks, and, ironically, the industry's increasing efficiency.

"The statistics are startling. When I graduated from college in 1963, one third of those receiving U.S. university science and engineering degrees went into aerospace. Today, it's less than 5 percent. At its peak in 1989, the industry employed 1.3 million. Last year, it was 790,000, down more than half a million people.

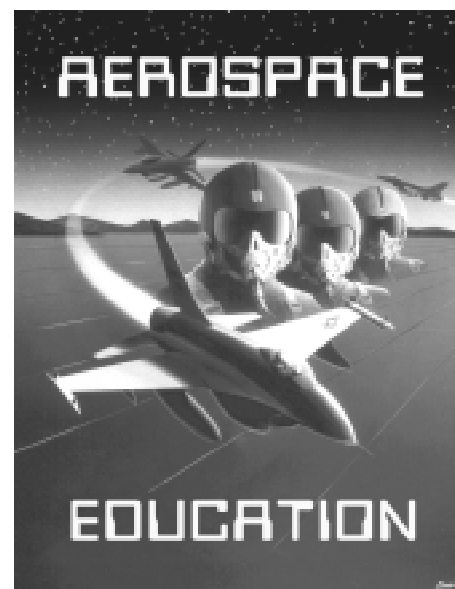
"A closer examination is even more disturbing. The average aerospace industry employee is now 51 years old, with many nearing retirement. The number of employees between 25 and 34 — the recent graduates gaining experience to sustain U.S. aerospace leadership — is off 10 percentage points since officials began collecting such data 10 years ago.

"More than half of those now receiving science and engineering degrees from U.S. universities are not U.S. citizens and thus cannot work on sensitive national security programs.

"Changes in the industry itself have darkened the employment picture. Today there are fewer programs — meaning less need — for design engineers

and skilled production workers.

"The concern about dwindling design talent is particularly acute. Now, there is only one military aircraft program, the Joint Strike Fighter, in development with no new program beyond that. If, by 2006, the U.S. government does not determine what should follow the JSF, this



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Time has come for a revised CAP mythology

Since Dec. 3, our self understanding as the auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force has taken a quantum leap into a new paradigm. On that day, our parent organization pinned and declared the national commander of the Civil Air Patrol a major general. Henceforth, our national commander is to be referred to as Maj. Gen. Richard L. Bowling.

This is a significant first! The Air Force did not delegate this responsibility. The pinning ceremony was convened by Gen. Robert H. Fogelsong, Air Force vice chief of staff. That's mighty lofty Air Force representation. It signals a new level of involvement for our beloved volunteer organization.

While our three primary missions — emergency services, aerospace education and cadet programs — remain in perspective as our priorities, and while our core values — integrity, volunteer service, excellence and respect — remain our essential value aspects, we are moving into a more inclusive relationship and support mode with the Air Force. The operative word is partnering — partnering with the Air Force in ways heretofore outside the boundaries of normal imagination and cognition, and we are equipped to engage the challenge. Our primary equipment is our spirit of volunteerism and love of country. These two comprise our benchmark. They are incomparable.

In a word, the time has come for the enunciation of a revised, if not new CAP mythology — a fresh statement of who we are and what we understand ourselves to be in relation to the needs of every community across the vast landscapes of America.

The enunciation of revised CAP mythology? In their recently published collaborative work, *The Myth of the American Super Hero*, John Shelton Lawrence and Robert Jewett quoted the following from Richard Slotkin's *Regeneration Through Violence*: A mythology is a complex of narratives that drama-

tizes the world vision and historical sense of a people or culture . . . The narrative action of the myth-tale recapitulates that people's experience in their land, rehearses their visions of that experience in its relation to their gods and the cosmos and reduces both experience and vision to a paradigm . . . Myth provides a scenario or prescription for action . . . Essential to the scope of the mythology is the attempt of a people to identify themselves in terms of their consistent self-understanding to every other

Words that still speak to us saying, "Ask not what your country can do for you. Ask what you can do for your country."

And we must direct this question, not to the amorphous "they/them" upon whom we are sometimes quick to cast the blame for everything that goes wrong. Rather, we must direct this question to ourselves. Just as surely as we do, broad vistas of opportunities for service will unfold before our eyes, and this will be a revolutionized moment in the history of volunteer service as we race to the task.

As we ask the question — "What can I do for my country?" — we will interact with ourselves. We will find ourselves seizing initiatives stacked upon initiatives. We will become initiators of wellsprings of service. We will become think-

ing, interacting people and, in consequence, become spearheads perennially engaged in the process of thinking aspects of service into existence.

All of this calls to mind words spoken by Major General Bowling at National Board 2002 in Philadelphia, the birthplace of American freedom. The general said, "No one envisioned the world we have today. Sept. 11 has affected all of our lives. We will need to change — to be prepared to answer any call for homeland security. We will succeed because we have wisely positioned CAP for change, and that should guarantee the ultimate success and productivity of all CAP members, in all three of our primary missions — aerospace education, cadet programs and emergency services."

My fellow CAP senior members and cadets, we will need to change, but not into something that disavows who we are historically. We will have to change to meet the new crisis entities that are poised to storm onto the shores of our homeland. We must change in ways that will further empower senior members with knowledge and cadets with enhanced self-esteem. Both are



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culture that occupies space near their space and to subsequent cultures to whose attention they may be called in historical perspective.

Presently, we are this juncture. We must reshape our mythology for the benefit of the present generation of Americans. It is no longer acceptable — indeed it is long since no longer acceptable — for us to be sequestered in a box as America's best kept secret. The events of '9-11' tore the lid off the box and we are obliged — thank God — to show ourselves.

What objectivity are we to assume or how do we go about objectifying ourselves for the benefit of every American?

We have come to a "revolutionized moment" in our experience as volunteers, and while we are conscious of ourselves and who we are, the demand imposed by the times is that we become more conscious — even aggressively conscious — of who we are. We must compel ourselves to new notions of volunteerism. For every American, we must become living exemplars of the challenge couched in the words of late President John F. Kennedy:



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crucial to the enhancement of our readiness and our capacity to serve.

As individuals, we are faced with existential necessity. By this I mean we are face-to-face with an instance where an action or decision is independently judged as being necessary on the basis of the pressures or circumstances of a given moment in personal experience and corporate history. There is a decision I must make. In this instance, you too are the "I" who has a decision to make. There are actions I must take. In this instance, you too are the "I" who has actions to take. We are CAP and CAP is the "I" and the "you" caught up in existential necessity that affects us personally as the "I" and corporately as the "you."

But not to worry! You and I are Martin Buber's "I and thou" And we will decide and we will act. We will change as we must, to meet the mounting crises in the American homeland experience, and our metamorphism will be legendary.

Airmanship redefined CAP's 2003 safety theme

We just finished a disappointing year of aircraft accidents; nine in all, with six fatalities. Five of these people were CAP members and one was a customer being supported on a counterdrug mission. Hence, it is now a time for reflection and introspection.

We need to identify opportunities for improvement at both the individual pilot level and organizational level. At the national level, we have assembled a team comprised of CAP volunteers, Air Force members and corporate employees dedicated to improving our operational safety performance. CAP National Commander Maj. Gen. Bowling also announced his "Sights on Safety" program that challenges wings and squadrons to develop innovative mishap prevention programs that will compete for financial reward.

One final initiative that should positively impact the safety of CAP operations is the new flight training section at CAP national headquarters. Look for many Internet-based flight training programs that will target opportunities to improve the quality of our flight operations.

One common thread I've identified in our flight accidents is deficiency in airmanship. I'd like to redefine airmanship in CAP and make it our theme this year in our flight safety improvement efforts. But first, I'd like to credit retired Air Force Lt. Col. Tony Kern who wrote a book titled *Redefining Airmanship*. Major Kern is also the author of the book *Darker Shades of Blue: The Rogue Pilot*. Both are outstanding books that should be required reading for all CAP pilots. Now, on with redefining airmanship in the CAP.

Airmanship is the essence of a professional pilot. It's not awarded after a training program or a successful check ride. A pilot personally builds it over time. It requires honest and accurate self-assessment and a dedication to reinforce areas found to be deficient. Airmanship requires a solid foundation of three characteristics — one could call them core values of the professional pilot. Let's examine each one.

The first is **uncompromising discipline**. Gen. George Patton said, "There is only one kind of discipline — perfect discipline." There should be zero tolerance for flight discipline violations — both personally and organizationally. This is because flight discipline violations are contagious and insidiously degrade good judgment.

I've heard it said that one rogue pilot can destroy an entire flying organization if left unchecked. The more violations that pilot gets away with, the more severe and overt the violations become. Other less experienced pilots see

the actions go unchecked and start to believe the breaches in discipline are the accepted way operations are conducted. The result is more incidents and accidents.

Everyone has a moral obligation to report aircrew members with flight-discipline problems, and, once reported, commanders have an obligation to deal effectively with the violators. It's important for commanders to remember that the misbehavior should be punished — not the result

of the misbehavior. In other words, don't wait until there is an accident to punish problem pilots. I personally find it motivating that most regulatory guidance in the Pilot's Operating Handbook — especially notes, cautions and warnings — originated

from actions that damaged equipment, caused serious injury or killed someone.

The second foundation of airmanship is **skill**. Pilots operate at many skill levels, and it's not always the low-skill pilots who have accidents. A pilot deficient in any element of airmanship can be involved in an accident. A holistic look at pilot skill would have four levels of accomplishment:

☉ Level 1, Safety — This is a skill level reached by most pilots, usually following a formal training program or initial qualification.

☉ Level 2, Effectiveness — Normally occurs after a period of operational experience with a particular mission or aircraft. Most pilots are operating at this level after a successful "mission check." Pilots at this level routinely accomplish their missions in an effective, safe manner. Most pilots feel comfortable at this skill level and airmanship paralysis usually occurs here.

☉ Level 3, Efficiency — Pilots operating at this skill level develop techniques that allow mission accomplishment with fewer resources. This higher skill level routinely saves time and money. Taken too far, however, this skill level can compromise the first two.

☉ Level 4, Precision — This is the nirvana of



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pilot skill. Pilots here have refined self-assessment skills and are motivated in continuous improvement. Never satisfied with a prescribed standard of tolerances, this pilot continually strives for perfection. Skill alone does not make a professional pilot. The other foundations of airmanship must accompany it.

This brings us to the last component of airmanship — **proficiency**. Flying aircraft is not like riding a bike. If you're not proficient, you're likely to get hurt! Once again, the burden falls on each individual pilot to monitor proficiency. The organization can mandate currency, but only the pilot knows if he or she is proficient.

Proficiency has many detractors. Our lives get busier and more hectic every day. Many excuses are available for not flying on a frequent basis; however, frequency is not the only variable in proficiency. How long has it been since you practiced a simulated forced landing, a go-around, unusual attitude and stall recoveries? None are mandated, but all are important to a pilot's proficiency.

Other factors that hamper proficiency are the normal effects of aging — decreases in reaction time, coordination and cognitive skills. Flying on a regular basis helps to minimize the effects of those natural decreases in performance. One beneficial by-product of proficiency is confidence, an important trait for any pilot.

As we prepare for challenging homeland security missions, it is imperative our customers see us as professionals committed to safe mission accomplishment. We can do this! No — we must do this! We must focus on discipline, skill and proficiency — the foundation of airmanship.

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CAP ANNUAL MISHAP COMPARISON CHART

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
A/C Accidents	9	5	6	3	1	4	9
Rate/100,000 hrs.	7.79	4.16	4.76	2.34	0.94	3.57	7.42
A/C Flight Incidents	28	27	19	12	16	17	29
A/C Ground Incidents	7	8	3	6	8	8	10
Fatalities	7	2	3	2	0	0	5
Vehicle Mishaps	14	12	7	9	15	15	13
Bodily Injury Mishaps	13	14	13	28	15	13	16
Serious Injury	0	7	5	9	3	3	6

Largest CAP national activity

500 students, staff participate in CAP's National Emergency Services Academy

NATIONAL HEAD-QUARTERS — The National Emergency Services Academy was held at Camp Atterbury, Ind., from July 27-Aug. 11.

This year, 500 student and staff positions were filled in the two session weeks with candidates from 46 different wings coming together to train to support Civil Air Patrol's Emergency Services Mission, making NESAs the largest Civil Air Patrol National Activity again this year.

This year's academy again used the latest training materials to implement standards of performance that can consistently relied

upon throughout CAP as developed by our National Emergency Services Curriculum Project. Attendees, Cadets and Senior Members alike, were divided into varying skill levels to train in a task-oriented format where students not only received classroom training, but also learned the job by doing it. Students were constantly expected to demonstrate these practical tasks in hands-on training blocks followed up by many realistic scenarios and exercises.

As part of the seventh annual National Ground Search and Rescue School, basic students were introduced to ground search and

rescue training with the objective of becoming ground team members, and advanced students were provided more extensive training focused on developing them into ground team leaders. In all, 159 students graduated from the basic courses, and 88 graduated from the advanced courses this year.

The Mission Base Staff School was conducted for the fifth year in a row at the same time as NGSAR. The MBSS program focused on training future mission managers and support personnel in the Incident Command System functions while also giving participants the



A Civil Air Patrol cadet participates in the land navigation portion of the National Ground Search and Rescue School held at Camp Atterbury, Ind., this summer.

hands-on experience to do the job. Students in the basic course focused on the introductory management and staff positions while advanced students trained to be

section chiefs and incident commanders. Students were expected to serve in varied staff positions on simulated

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nation will have little work for the keen minds that create such unparalleled aircraft.

"The same holds true for solid rocket boosters, whose sales were two-thirds defense (mainly for missiles) and one-third space (for satellite and shuttle launches) in 1984. In 1999, those numbers were reversed. In that same period, solid-rocket motor sales dropped more than half, from \$2.5 billion to \$1.2 billion.

"Current booster production is scheduled to end by 2008 with no further development or production planned before 2015. For the first time in 50 years, there is no new strategic missile solid-propulsion development or production program on the horizon.

"The aerospace manufacturing picture, while still unsettling, is not as bleak. Manufacturing programs tend to run longer than design and development efforts. But that is little comfort to the tens of thousands of commercial aircraft production workers left jobless as airlines cut orders and postponed deliveries after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Yes, airline traffic is slowly rebounding, but will the aircraft and engine manufacturers and their suppliers regain all the talent that security fears and hard economic reality forced off their payrolls?

"Laid off workers tend to be younger, and the industry's cyclical employment record does little to motivate those who lose jobs to return.

"The Commission on the Future of the United States Aerospace Industry considers the current

aerospace work force problem serious and will make suggestions this summer. Possible solutions include more military-commercial design teams, particularly in light of the trend for commercial technology, to find its way into military programs, when for decades the reverse was true.

"Another approach would be rapid prototyping: programs that design, develop and test new products without taking them into production, the most costly phase. Congress has historically considered this approach too costly for implementation.

"As the United States seeks to redefine the role for its military while waging war on terrorism, parts of the industry have avoided the sagging demand for military and commercial equipment. This includes firms involved with surveillance and identification technologies. But growth here is hardly adequate to sustain U.S. supremacy.

"Some production programs, such as modifying a commercial airliner into a military tanker and modernizing the aging bomber, tanker, cargo, surveillance and medical-evacuation fleets, would serve a worthy purpose, while creating jobs where the experienced could transfer their skills to the less experienced.

"But the aerospace industry's work force dilemma affects far more than national security. The Europeans, with their Vision 2020, are striving, with considerable success, to be the

global aerospace leader. In the United States, the number of scientists and engineers in aerospace, as a percent of the national population, is the lowest since record keeping began in the 1950s. In Europe, that percentage is rising.

"Last year, for the first time, foreign suppliers held the majority of the U.S. domestic market backlog for new aircraft.

"This country needs a firm government policy sending the message the United States will not relinquish its aerospace superiority. Measures to strengthen the aerospace work force are fundamental to that message.

"Success requires investing in new technology, keeping design teams working across a broad spectrum looking well into the future, and negotiating trade agreements that make U.S. aerospace products as competitive overseas as their foreign counterparts are here.

"These are not the only answers, but they will go a long way toward bolstering the industry's work force, the cornerstone in maintaining U.S. aerospace leadership."

I wholeheartedly endorse and echo the sentiments conveyed by Mr. Douglass in his article. I presented this article to you to help increase your knowledge of the problems we are facing in America's aerospace industrial base. As you interact with your fellow CAP members, and converse with educational and business leaders in your communities, please convey the message that America must maintain air and space supremacy. CAP is dedicated to that goal and your efforts as volunteers are extremely important and sincerely appreciated.

Health program chief: 'It's been a great ride'

An oft-quoted passage from the book of Ecclesiastes in the Old Testament states, "There is a time for everything under the heaven" (3:1). Hence, it is now time for a transition with the chief of Health Services position in CAP.

As I end a wonderful 6 1/2 years in this position — and I never thought it would last that long — CAP National Commander Maj. Gen. Richard L. Bowling has selected Dr. Kay McLaughlin, a colonel selectee, to relieve me.

Kay is no stranger to our health services program, having been a member of our Health Services Working Group for some years, and she brings a wealth of health care and CAP experience to the job. She

is currently the vice commander of the Michigan Wing, a medical examiner with the Federal Aviation Administration and an internal medicine specialist.

The date for this transition is Dec. 31. I send my congratulations to Kay and wish her well!

As I noted in last month's article, we have made significant progress in our health services program, and it could not have been done without the excellent staff and interdisciplinary working group with which I have been blessed, as well as those of you in the organization who have caught the message of injury and disease prevention, health promotion, wellness and fitness, and preparedness for providing emergency care.

I would like to especially thank Lt. Col. Donna Polinger, a registered nurse and my deputy chief, Lt. Col. (Dr.) James Greenstone, my assistant chief, and Lt. Col. (Dr.) Peter Schneider, my former assistant chief, for their wise counsel and outstanding assistance.

The Health Services Working Group, an interdisciplinary consulting body, has been very helpful in developing philosophy and policy and in reviewing and evaluating our

program. This group of 12 all participated, in addition to their primary assignments in their various units. And thanks to those of you who attended and participated in our annual seminars and

remaining optimally fit — physically, mentally and spiritually — so we may be the best we can be for the responsibilities we have been given in CAP. My outgoing challenge today is the same: If we are going to be capable of handling the potential jobs that will be offered us in homeland security, as well as those we already have, we must be fit in order to do the best job possible.

Our individual and collective health remain vital to the success of our missions! Competent first aid and knowledge of the

surrounding environmental conditions will continue to potentiate rescues. Impeccable military bearing — combined with people who look healthy — will continue to enhance our image as the U.S. Air Force auxiliary. If we continue to enhance the quality of each member, our effectiveness will also be enhanced.

As the saying goes, "It's been a great ride!" And it has been a distinct honor to serve CAP as chief of CAP's National Health Program. I will continue to serve CAP as needed, and will remain vitally interested in your being optimally healthy and well-trained, and so "fit to serve." Semper vigilans!



FIT TO SERVE

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fun runs during national board meetings.

Of course, not much would have been possible without the support and guidance of the national commanders under whom I had the privilege of serving: Brig. Gen. Richard Anderson, who first asked me to take on this task, Brig. Gen. Paul Bergman, Brig. Gen. James Bobick and Maj. Gen. Bowling. Thanks to them for their friendship and wise counsel. And thanks, too, to all those on the staff at national headquarters for the helpful suggestions and guidance.

In my first "Fit to Serve" column, I stressed the importance of each of us in CAP becoming and

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missions throughout the courses, and did an outstanding job.

From the many tabletop exercises conducted during the ICS training to hands-on skills like establishing a communications relay point in the field, students got to know all about the management and coordination required to get our missions accomplished, and had fun doing it.

For the third year in a row, the Mission Aircrew School was again run at the same time as the NGSAR and MBSS programs. Thirty-one students training to become mission pilots, observers or scanners came together for this event. They went away with many new experiences

and qualifications.

Personnel in attendance flew many sorties ranging from route searches to the traditional electronic search over the course of nine days, in addition to many intensive classroom training sessions and tabletop exercises.

Planning is already well underway for the 2003 NESA, and those responsible expect the program to be even better than this year's. The tentative dates for the 2003 NESA sessions are July 19-Aug. 3.

Don't miss out on this great opportunity for training. Apply today!

For additional information on the National Emergency Services Acad-

emy, contact the national project officer at (334) 953-4228 or dos@capnhq.gov or get in touch with the new academy director, Maj. Gary Brockman, at (317) 897-4598 or pathfinder@tcon.net.

You can also check out the NESA Web site at www.homestead.com/ngsar/home.html for more information.

Editor's note: This story was submitted by Maj. John Desmarais. Desmarais was the 2002 NESA director. He is also the NESA founder, and currently serves as the chief of Emergency Services at CAP National Headquarters, as well as the provost for NESA amongst other duties.

through Arkansas, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, Ohio, Indiana and Pennsylvania.

Maj. Gen. Richard L. Bowling, CAP national commander, who lives in Knoxville, saw firsthand the importance of the organization's work in his home state.

"CAP volunteers all over the country make outstanding contributions to the nation and their states every single day," he said. "Our recent events dealing with the tragic aftermath of tornados from the Great Lakes to the Gulf of Mexico were no exception. I am extremely proud of the way our members responded in a time of great need."

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2002 MEMBERSHIP RECRUITING & RETENTION CAMPAIGN

RECRUITMENT ★ APRIL 1, 2002 - MARCH 31, 2003

RETENTION ★ APRIL 1, 2002 - MARCH 31, 2003

Contest Rules

- 1) Individual prizes are based on new members recruited.
- 2) Squadron prizes are based on number of members eligible for renewal at April 1, 2002, who are retained during the campaign.
- 3) Recruiting credit will be given only for individuals recruited as "new members".
- 4) In the event of a tie for recruiting or retention awards, the tie will be broken by a drawing at National Headquarters.
- 5) Membership applications must be signed by the new member, unit commander and processed between April 1, 2002 and March 31, 2003. Membership renewals must be processed between April 1, 2002, and March 31, 2003. (The retention campaign actually runs until June 30, 2003, so that all of those whose renewal date runs through March 31 can be captured in the report. There is a 90-day grace period in which they can renew.)
- 6) The individual listed as recruiter must be a member in good standing at the close of the campaign to qualify for prizes.
- 7) Only one member will be credited for recruiting the new member. The member's name, charter number and CAPID must appear on the membership application for (CAP Form 12 or 15). To ensure proper credit, make sure your name, charter number and CAPID are correct.
- 8) Applications returned by CAP National Headquarters for incorrect or inadequate information cannot be considered unless they are corrected and processed prior to March 31, 2003. Therefore recruiters should carefully screen the application to ensure all information is present and correct. National Headquarters cannot accept telephone calls as a way to add recruiters to forms already received.
- 9) Members recruited, but found to be ineligible for membership, will not be considered. "Pooling" recruiting efforts is not permitted. For example, no member may take credit for a new member recruited by someone else.
- 10) Only the recruitment of regular active senior and cadet members will count toward the total number and awarding of individual prizes.
- 11) The percentage of total squadron membership retained will count toward the awarding of squadron prizes.
- 12) Anyone receiving payment for recruiting either senior or cadet members from any organization including CAP's Middle School Initiative Program are disqualified from the awarding of any prizes.
- 13) CAP National Headquarters will maintain a record of all new members and their recruiters. Winners will be announced as soon as possible after the close of the campaign.

Recruiting handbook in works

The 2002 Membership Recruiting and Retention Campaign has produced the 13th consecutive month of growth for Civil Air Patrol — membership reached 62,929 for the month of November. That places the membership total at its highest since 1990!

I talked with the commanders of the wings that have shown recent losses and each one is encouraged about growth in the coming months due to the number of recruiting activities that have taken place during the summer.

With 13 consecutive months of growth, it is clear everyone is working hard. You are making a big difference. With homeland security on the not-so-distant horizon, we will need to recruit and retain as many members as possible. CAP gets stronger with each new member recruited and each current member retained. Let's make CAP as strong as it can be by making recruiting and retaining members a focus for 2002!

Remember — retention is the most critical part of membership development. CAP had 2,413 new members during November, but only had a net increase of 545 members. Tremendous recruiting efforts will not produce positive membership growth if we continually lose members through attrition. We are currently taking actions to measure the retention and attrition rates at squadrons and surveying non-renewals to determine the reasons members leave.

During the yearlong campaign that kicked-off April 1, we will be tracking the retention of those individuals in the squadron at the start date (those who were eligible to renew as of April 1, 2002). For the retention portion of the campaign, the following is a list of what will and will not count against a squadron with regard to retention:

- The following will count against a squadron: Voluntary resignation of member; loss of interest by member; and members who do not renew and allow membership to expire.

- The following will not count against a squadron: Death of a member; transfers (does not count for or against either squadron); and for cause (derogatory termination by CAP-includes the writing of bad checks).

If you have questions or concerns, contact Robin Hunt, chief of Membership Development, at rhunt@capnhq.gov or (334) 953.2828.

Prizes! Prizes! Prizes!

Recruiting awards

The following prizes will be sent for members who recruit:

- ✓ 5 new members - Recruiting Excellence golf shirt for senior members and T-shirt for cadet members;
- ✓ 10 new members - \$50 gift certificate to CAP Supply Depot or Bookstore;
- ✓ 25 new members - \$100 gift certificate to CAP Bookstore; and
- ✓ 50+ new members - \$200 gift certificate to CAP Bookstore;

Grand prizes will be given at the end of the campaign. Grand-prize winners will be determined by a drawing of all members having recruited a new member throughout the year. Prizes are as follows:

- ✓ Grand prize (senior): Framed and signed limited-edition CAP anniversary print, and airfare, room and board at the 2003 CAP National Board and Annual Conference; and
- ✓ Grand prize (cadet): Framed and signed limited-edition CAP anniversary print, and airfare and room and board to a national CAP event to be determined.

Retention awards

The squadron with the highest retention in each region for the year — award is a \$500 cash prize for each squadron.

All prizes will be presented at the 2003 CAP National Board Meeting and Annual Conference.

Aerospace Dimensions standard Phase I, II AE textbook



Effective Jan. 1, Aerospace Dimensions (AD) becomes the only aerospace education textbook authorized for use in Phases I and II.

The textbook, which has been in use since January 2001, is a six-module book designed to introduce aerospace to cadets, especially middle school aged youth. It replaces *Aerospace: Flight of Discovery (FOD)*, which had been in use since 1992.

Cadet aerospace textbooks are revised every few years to keep the content current and accurate.

In 2001, cadets were given two years to complete Phase II using either *AD* or *FOD*. Since then, as new cadets have joined CAP, they have been issued *AD*. Consequently, most Phase I and II cadets are already using the *AD* text and are unaffected by the phase-out of *FOD*. However, older cadets who had chosen to remain in *FOD* must now begin studying *AD*, as the transitional period expires on Jan. 1, unless they have already earned the Gen. Billy Mitchell Award. (See the table on Page 17 for the transition rules.)

Phase III and IV cadets are not affected by this phase-out and continue to study *Aerospace: Journey of Flight*.

The *Aerospace Dimensions* modules (Catalog #0037D), *Student Guide* (Catalog #0037F) and *Leader Guide* (catalog #0037H) are available for purchase at the CAP Bookstore. To order, call (800) 633-8768.



DDR now under CP

The Cadet Programs team just got bigger and better.

In an effort to better fulfill CAP's Drug Demand Reduction Program goals, and meet the expectations of the U.S. Air Force and CAP members, the Drug Demand Reduction Program office was moved to the Cadet Programs Directorate in November.



Previously, the DDR office was positioned under the Operations Directorate.

The DDR program, which is sponsored by the U.S. Air Force Surgeon General's office, promotes CAP as a positive, drug-free lifestyle for youth.

Wing DDR administrators will

still be working with Jan Hoffman, the assistant chief of Drug Demand Reduction. Jan's contact information has not changed, but he has a new office symbol: CPDA.

The position of chief, Drug Demand Reduction, is currently vacant. That office symbol has changed to CPD.

The move will only improve the customer service experienced by CAP volunteers in the field because the DDR program is a natural partner with the Cadet Program.

Welcome to the Cadet Programs team, Jan!



New videos promote NCSA

If cadets want to know what a national cadet special activity is really like, all they have to do is boot-up their computer and download some hot new videos from the CAP Web site.

California Wing's Capt. Scott Matthews produced a series of nine videos that depict everything exciting about a national cadet special activity.

Gone are the days when cadets will have to try to explain to mom and dad why the Air Education and Training Command Familiarization Course is a must for aspiring fighter pilots or how the Air Force Space Command Familiarization Course translates into hyper hi-tech, or why Cadet Officer School is not another humdrum leadership school.

The modern art direction, soundtrack and production techniques make these videos tremendous recruiting tools as well.

Members are encouraged to right-click on the hyperlinks, save the videos to disk, and then use them at recruiting booths, open houses, and on occasions when the mission is to show prospective cadets and the public why the CAP Cadet Program is worthwhile.

Visit www.cap.gov, click "Cadet Programs" and then "National Cadet Special Activities."



Prep school extension

Members who attended

NCSA 2003 Quick-Reference Chart

Activity	Location	Dates	Fees
Advanced Technologies Academy (ATA)	Waco, TX	12 - 19 Jul	\$350
	Shirley, NY	TBD	\$350
Aerospace Education Academy (AEA)	Oshkosh, WI	15 - 22 Jun	\$260
Air Education & Training Command Familiarization Course (AETCFC)	Columbus AFB, MS	12 - 19 Jul	\$125
	Laughlin AFB, TX	22 - 28 Jun	\$125
Air Force Space Command Familiarization Course (AFSPCFC)	Patrick AFB, FL	27 Jul - 3 Aug	\$125
	Peterson AFB, CO	TBD	\$125
AF Weather Agency Familiarization Course (AFW AFC)	Offutt AFB, NE	12 - 19 Jul	\$150
AF Weather Agency Familiarization Course - Advanced (AFW AFC-A)	Offutt AFB, NE	12 - 19 Jul	\$150
Cadet Officer School (COS)	Maxwell AFB, AL	5 - 13 Jul	\$150
Engineering Technologies Academy (E-Tech)	Auburn, AL	TBD	\$150
Honor Guard Academy (HGA)	Camp Pendleton, VA	13 - 26 Jul	\$375/\$195
International Air Cadet Exchange (IACE)	Worldwide	17 Jul - 5 Aug	\$100
National Blue Beret (NBB)	Oshkosh, WI	23 Jul - 5 Aug	\$195
National Emergency Services Academy (NESA)			
Optional Pre-Courses	Camp Atterbury, IN	21 - 26 Jul	\$40-\$100
Basic National Ground Search & Rescue School (NGSAR)	Camp Atterbury, IN	20 - 26 Jul	\$150
		27 Jul - 2 Aug	\$150
Adv. National Ground Search & Rescue School (Adv. NGSAR)	Camp Atterbury, IN	20 - 26 Jul	\$150
		27 Jul - 2 Aug	\$150
Basic Mission Base Staff School (Basic MBSS)	Camp Atterbury, IN	20 - 26 Jul	\$150
Advanced Mission Base Staff School (Advanced MBSS)	Camp Atterbury, IN	27 Jul - 5 Aug	\$150
Mission Aircrew School (MAS)	Camp Atterbury, IN	25 Jul - 2 Aug	\$150
National Flight Academies - Glider Track (NFA-G)			
NFA-G California	TBD	TBD	\$850
NFA-G Georgia	Rome, GA	9 - 20 Jul	\$850
NFA-G Illinois	Mattoon, IL	20 - 28 Jun	\$850
National Flight Academies - Powered Track (NFA-P)			
NFA-P Nebraska	Camp Ashland, NE	14 - 27 Jul	\$850
NFA-P Oklahoma	TBD	20 - 29 Jun	\$850
NFA-P Tennessee	Smyrna, TN	16 - 30 Jun	\$850
NFA-P Virginia	Ft Pickett, VA	12 - 19 Jul	\$850
NFA-P Wisconsin	Oshkosh, WI	20 - 30 Jun	\$850
National Military Music Academy (NMMA)	TBD	TBD	TBD
Pararescue Orientation Course (PJOC)	1: Kirtland AFB, NM	25 Jul - 1 Aug	\$125
	2: Kirtland AFB, NM	2 - 9 Aug	\$125
Pararescue Orientation Course - Advanced (APJOC)	Kirtland AFB, NM	Jul 9 - 23	\$250
Other Summer Cadet Activities Do not send applications for these activities to NHQ.			
Hawk Mountain Search & Rescue School	Hamburg, PA	12 - 20 Jul	\$100
EAA Air Academy (www.eaa.org)			
Aviation Challenge (www.spacecamp.com) or 800.63.SPACE			
Space Camp (www.spacecamp.com) or 800.63.SPACE			

Note: All details subject to change; visit www.cap.gov, click on "Cadet Programs" and "NCSAs" for most current information.

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a South Carolina unit, Blice-Baum was deployed to Turkey to work with Operation Allied Force. From there she was assigned to Ramstein Air Base in Germany.

Her family went along on every move. "We feel like we're on an adventure," Blice-Baum says. "Actually, we used to move every four or five years anyway, since we were in the ministry. We've always kept a positive attitude about every move – and our children have been positive about those moves, too. They acknowledge the grief in leaving friends, but they adjust well and make new friends easily. When we sat down back in 1996 to discuss my going active duty, my then fifth grade daughter didn't see that it would be that much different from moving around as a minister's family. And my son thought it was going to be great to live on an air base with F-16s!"

Her husband Mark has been able to work with the Lutheran Church in changing his clerical assignments to dovetail with his wife's. "In South Carolina he was called as the Lutheran Campus Pastor at the University of South Carolina," she says. "In Germany he helped at English-speaking Lutheran congregations and

then worked at the Ramstein Family Support Center.

At Ramstein, Blice-Baum was part of a mission-critical team of ground personnel prepared for crisis situations. She found the experience exhilarating. "I'm not a pilot," she says, "but I flew regularly with Medivac Squadron in the C-9s and found that I loved being on the flight-line and in the aircraft."

She also learned the most effective chaplains don't wait for people to come to chapel services or counseling. "Part of our work is doing unit visitation," she says, "visiting folks in their work areas while they are working. We might go to the communications computer shop, the air traffic control center, the flight line as the maintainers are working on aircraft or the hospital while they care for patients. We go to them, learn about their jobs and how they contribute to the overall mission. It's amazing that simply by stepping into their world, it shows them we care and have an interest in their lives."

Given Blice-Baum's sunny nature, she focuses on the advantages of her Air Force life. "Once you've worked in the private sector like I did, you appreciate military benefits like

free healthcare for yourself and your family," she says. "I definitely believe God's hand was in my coming to active-duty Air Force."

Her children see the career change as an advantage, too. Daughter Anna, who is now almost 17, says, "In what other way would I have had the chance to see all these places in the United States and Europe at such a young age, and have so many friends who had similar experiences?"

Nineteen-year-old son Steve, who was the catalyst for his mom's military career, was able to spend a year in Brazil as a Rotary Club exchange student during one family military stint. He then joined them in Germany and graduated from the Ramstein American High School there. "He often mentions how much he misses Europe because he says he gained a global worldview from his two international experiences," Blice-Baum says.

In mid-2002, Blice-Baum was transferred back to the states and is now serving as a staff chaplain for the Chaplain Service Institute at Maxwell AFB's Air University. As course director for the Intermediate Chaplain Course, she might teach a class on Judaism one week and Mentoring the next.

She is the only woman chaplain currently on active duty in the Air Force who represents the Lutheran faith, which she says focuses on "faith, grace and scripture." Next year a the second 2nd Lutheran woman chaplain will join the ranks.

She thrives on the variety of her work, and on the chance to work with those considering and those preparing for work as military chaplains.

"Chaplains really get to be with their people and learn about their lives," Blice-Baum says, motioning towards photos of herself with friends and colleagues from her days at Gunter, Shaw and Ramstein. Friends have scribbled notes of appreciation and farewell along the margins and on the photo mats.

As with anyone in the ministry, Blice-Baum deals with those who question their faith, and the role of chaplains in the military. "A chaplain is to be a visible reminder of the Holy. One of our main roles is to advise leaders. Being 'in the system' gives us entree into the military leadership world. It's not that we condone killing – chaplains are non-combatants – but rather we stand with the folks who need to make the difficult decisions and provide ethical and moral leadership. Since we are trained to deploy, we protect our people's right to religious freedom by deploying with them so that they can

worship. The local pastor can't do that."

She envisions chaplains, both in the Air Force and in volunteer work for CAP, as especially critical given the current emphasis on homeland security. "Chaplains are often trained in Critical Incident Stress Management, a system of helping first responders like emergency workers to handle the stress of responding to crisis," she says. "Thus, chaplains can not only minister to those who need help, but also to the helpers themselves."

From the beginning, Blice-Baum has been a woman supremely content in her calling. "Working as an Air Force chaplain is the most meaningful ministry I've had the privilege to perform," she says. "How do I know it was the right thing to do? When you're doing what God wants you to do, you just get yourself out of the way – and then you know."

"And besides," she says, with her trademark sudden smile, "where else could a person, at my age, learn marching, military customs and courtesies, military history and military doctrine – and hang from a ceiling during harness training, fly in an F-16, deploy with 800 troops, spend three years in Germany, get to know people all over the world, serve my country and my God – and get paid to do it?"

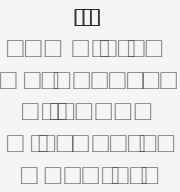
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the National Cadet Competition during the past two years at the U.S. Air Force Academy know that CAP Cadet Programs at national headquarters is strengthening its relationship with the academy.

Academy officials have extended the deadline to Jan. 31, 2003, for cadets to apply for a CAP recommendation to the academy's preparatory school.

Completion of the school's curriculum significantly increases a cadet's chance at earning an appointment to the U.S. Air Force Academy.

For more information, visit www.capnhq.gov/nhq/cp/cpr/usafa_prep.html.

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China . . . from Page 7

Quilin, located in Southeastern China on the Lijiang River served as a forward base of operations for the Flying Tigers during World War II. Our visit there will give the tour an opportunity to visit the "cave" command post used by Maj. Gen. Claire Chennault.

Nanjing, an ancient capital city of China and home to Dr. Sun Yatson's mausoleum and the famous Yangtze River bridge, will also be visited.

Shanghai, the last city to be visited, is a metropolis of more than 14 million inhabitants — the most populous city in China.

The cost for this "not-for-profit"

tour is \$2,390 per person (double occupancy). Included are the international and intercity air tickets, ground transportation, hotel accommodations (four- and five-star hotels) three meals a day, entrance tickets for all sight-seeing locations, airport taxes inside China, insurance, professional guides and Chinese visa fee.

For an application and brochure, send your name, rank, status (cadet, senior member, CAP family member), address, and home and work telephone numbers to: BAA/U.S. Aviators 2003 China Tour, c/o Edward J. Komyati, 3737 Cricklewood Dr., Montgomery, AL 36109-1307.

Air Force rescue center answers calls for help

*Airman 1st Class Amy Robinson
1st Fighter Wing Public Affairs*

LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Va. — A private aircraft crashes and the pilot is injured. Unable to call for help, the pilot is still found and rescued. The rescue may be largely credited to members of the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center here.

The AFRCC belongs to Air Combat Command's Air Operations Squadron.

"(The mission) is to coordinate federal assets in order to save lives across the United States for military and civilians alike," said Capt. Heather Dunlap, the chief of current operations at the center.

There are 41 active-duty and Reserve servicemembers who keep the AFRCC operating around the clock. Besides coordinating federal search and rescue activities for the 48 contiguous states, the center also provides search and rescue assistance to Mexico and Canada.

SAR missions are initiated for several different reasons, including lost hunters or hikers, overdue aircraft or contact with emergency locator transmitters.

"This time of year, because it's hunting season, it's not unusual to get two to three callers a day saying

a husband, brother or sister didn't return from the hunting trip last night," said Dunlap.

Although the center receives most calls from local authorities, the center staff receives many phone calls directly from the family member or friend of the missing person, Dunlap said.

"It definitely takes a special kind of person to do this job," she said. "You're dealing with family members and people out there who are feeling the stress of a person or a loved one missing and you have to remain calm."

Once the coordination center receives the call, there is a checklist workers must follow to see if they are able to provide assistance. Questions such as, "Is there a threat to life, limb or eyesight?" help in the decision-making process.

Although people at the center must follow the checklist, Dunlap said there is much more to handling a potential SAR situation.

"You have to be able to convey to them (family members) that we're doing everything we can and keep them calm. For them, it's probably the hardest moment in their life," she said.

If the center is able to provide assistance, the staff coordinates with

local, state and federal officials to determine the amount of response necessary.

The search and rescue team may include members of the Civil Air Patrol, Coast Guard or other Department of Defense resources. Once the mission is activated, the coordination center keeps in close contact with all aspects of the rescue efforts.

If the center staff is unable to initiate a mission, they will do everything they can to help people find the proper agency that can assist them.

Besides searches for missing people, the center is also responsible for monitoring signals transmitted by emergency locator transmitters, or ELTs, which are found on many aircraft.

An international agreement requires the center to follow up on or research any ELT signals that are picked up by satellites throughout the United States.

"Once those (ELT) images appear, we're obligated to start researching and find out if they're re-

ally an aircraft downed with somebody needing assistance, or if it's an accidental activation, where somebody may have removed the device," Dunlap said.

The center receives between 10 to 20 ELT signals a day, Dunlap said. These make up the majority of the work load for the center. During the summer, the number of ELT signals increases because of the number of planes flying.

Although 97 percent of the ELT activations are non-distress, they must all be taken seriously, said Airman 1st Class Simorrah Brown, a controller and scheduler with the coordination center.

Dunlap said the rewards of working at the control center are worth the long hours.

"If I was able to have even a small part in saving someone's life, I can go home at the end of a 12-hour shift and feel that it's OK, I did my job, I did it well and I feel good about it," she said. (Courtesy of ACC News Service)



Operation Enduring Freedom



Photo by Air Force Staff Sgt. Jerry Morrison

A coalition forces E-3 Airborne Warning and Control System aircraft flies a mission over Afghanistan recently in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Newest launch vehicle Delta IV roars to successful first launch

CAPE CANAVERAL AIR FORCE STATION, Fla. (AFPN) — America's newest space launch vehicle got off to a rip-roaring start Nov. 20 with a lift-off that lit up the skies over Central Florida and beyond.

The Delta IV blasted off at the top of the launch window at 5:39 p.m. EST. Approximately 37 minutes later, the satellite separated from the rocket and was placed in orbit.

During the mission, Boeing's Delta IV rocket launched both a commercial telecommunications satellite and the second phase of the U.S. Air Force's Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicle program. In partnership with Boeing and Lockheed Martin,

the Air Force sponsored the EELV program to reduce space launch costs and ensure reliable access to space for military, commercial and scientific spacecraft. With this launch, and with Lockheed Martin's successful Atlas V launch Aug. 21, the EELV program has gotten out of the gates without a hitch, ushering in a new era of space launch vehicles for America.

"Both the Delta IV and Atlas V had flawless first flights. A new era of space launch technology has begun that will assure America's affordable access to space for years to come," said Brig. Gen. Pavlovich, 45th Space Wing commander and the launch decision authority.

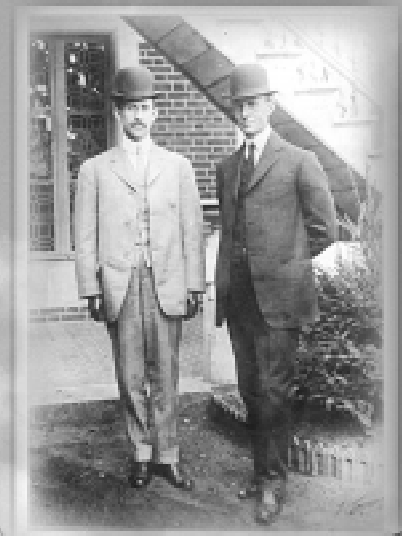
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Cincinnati Highlights

The Newport Aquarium — “A Million Gallons of Fun” — is located just across the river from downtown and features the Kingdom of Penguins, Gator Bayou and Jellyfish Gallery, plus exhibits featuring the dangerous and deadly, and the bizarre and the beautiful.

The Taft Museum of Art is a national historic landmark and home to master paintings, Chinese porcelains, and European and American decorative arts.

The Cincinnati Art Museum in Eden Park features 6,000 years of the art world. It is ranked as one of the top-10 finest general art museums in the United States. See Cincinnati's Collection of Treasures, plus masterworks and special exhibits.

The Contemporary Arts Center displays an interesting mix of local and international works of modern art.

Rich in history, Cincinnati is ripe with landmarks on both sides of the river, with a diverse blend of old and new. The magnificent Music Hall — built in 1879 — is the home to the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra. It is the largest concert hall for an orchestra in the United States with 3,400 seats.

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Wright Brothers Biography

Wilbur and Orville Wright were the sons of Bishop Milton Wright and Susan Catharine Wright. Wilbur was born in Millville, Ind., on April 16, 1867 and Orville was born in Dayton, Ohio, on Aug. 19, 1871.

Orville wrote of his childhood: “We were lucky enough to grow up in an environment where there was always much encouragement to children to pursue intellectual interests; to investigate whatever aroused curiosity.”

The brothers were involved in a printing business and later became bicycle manufacturers. A toy helicopter their father gave them when they were children sparked their interest in flight. Orville and Wilbur were also fascinated with kites and read everything they

could find about flight. They followed the exploits of Otto Lilienthal and read about such aviation pioneers as Samuel Pierpont Langley and Octave Chanute. The Wright Brothers tested their theories of flight on non-powered gliders. Then on December 17, 1903, at 10:35 in the morning, Orville recorded the first flight of a powered, heavier-than-air machine that achieved controlled, sustained flight with a pilot aboard.

The Wright Brothers continued to improve and modify their plane and ultimately gained fame and financial success. Wilbur died on May 30, 1912, of typhoid fever. Orville lived the remaining years of his life in financial security and peace. He died in January 1948.



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CONNECTICUT— The Connecticut Wing sponsored a multi-wing ground search and rescue training weekend Oct. 10-14 at the Farmington River Power Company's production facility in Windsor, Conn.

The event was coordinated and hosted by the 103rd Composite Squadron from Bradley Air National Guard Base in East Granby, Conn.

Training emphasis during the exercise was on emergency services, ground operations, air operations and the incident command system. The goal was to qualify people for the minimum certification tasks as urban direction-finding team members.

Participants worked to hone their search and rescue skills under the tutelage of recent National Guard SAR graduates. All participants arrived with their 24- and 72-hour gear, were clothed and equipped for the weather, and ready to learn. Despite sometimes torrential rains from Tropical Storm Kile, most achieved their goals.

Participants received classroom training in facilities provided by the 103rd Logistics Group at the ANG base, and the bivouac area at Rainbow Reservoir was provided by the power company. The incident command post and briefing facilities were located in the new Poquonock fire station house. The Salvation Army provided hot meals on one day for all participating personnel.

Staging areas and a forward command post equipped with VHF/HF operated around the clock for almost four days. Field activities were conducted in East Granby where skills such as compass use, direction finding, missing-person searches and

first aid were assessed.

The event ended with a feast of deep fried turkey. 103rd squadron commander Capt. James Blessing demonstrated the proper field-cooking procedure for turkey, complete with all the trimmings.

There were 65 attendees and approximately 1,500 individual tasks documented during the exercise. Members from seven squadrons in Connecticut, four in Massachusetts and one in Florida participated.

*Maj. Donald F. Osborn
2nd Lt. Patricia Heldmann*

Institute of Technology. This past summer, he attended a national ground search and rescue school at Camp Atterbury, Ind., and completed courses for a train-the-trainer emergency services curriculum project.

Sledge also received the Disaster Relief Ribbon for his outstanding assistance to our nation following the events of Sept. 11. Last summer, he graduated from the National Blue Beret in Oshkosh, Wis.

Rouleau is a sophomore at Berlin High School. He earned special recognition from the Connecticut Wing for being the

Brrophy, outstanding tactical officer.

Sr. Mbr. Robin Trujillo

DELAWARE— Cadet Capt. Philip G. Harris of the Dover Composite Squadron received the Youth Achievement Award in Aviation from the Delaware Aviation Hall of Fame at its annual honors dinner Oct. 12.

Harris joined CAP when he entered the sixth grade and was named cadet commander of the squadron at age 13 — the youngest cadet commander in the unit's history.

Harris has served as the chairman of the wing's cadet advisory council and was selected as the 2001 Cadet Officer of the Year. He has been awarded the Air Force Association Medal and Veterans of Foreign Wars Medal.

He is also a junior Air Force ROTC cadet at Polytech High School, where he was named outstanding cadet for Academic Semester 1 and received the Veterans of World Wars Citation.

Harris is a graduate of Region Leadership School and National Military Music Academy.

Col. Ray Harris

MAINE— Bristol Composite Squadron members helped the Boy Scouts earn their Aviation Merit badges.

Cadets and senior members of the squadron met Sept. 6-8 with Boy Scouts from East Bridgewater to instruct them on the aspects of aviation for the completion of merit badges. Instruction began with topics ranging from flight line safety to the science of Bernoulli's Principle.

Cadet 2nd Lt. Cliff Jones made a model using soda cans to illustrate how Bernoulli's Principle works, and cadet 2nd Lt. John Foley held a discussion of various types of aircraft. Members of the Boy Scouts were particularly interested in NASA's zero-gravity trainer, a modified C-130.

Other activities included a joint emergency locator transmitter ground search led by 1st Lt. Joe Bedard of Bristol Composite Squadron. In all, 12 Scouts completed requirements for Aviation Merit Badges.

Cadet 2nd Lt. John Foley

Flyin' high in Afghanistan



The unit flag of New Jersey Wing's Walter M. Shirra Jr. Composite Squadron flies high over Afghanistan in an F-18 Hornet flown by U.S. Navy Capt. Jeffery Chiow of the VMFA-121 Squadron. Squadron commander Capt. Jack Soldano sent the flag to Air Force Reserve Tech. Sgt. Roberto Oquendo, a squadron member stationed at Peter J. Ganci Air Base in Kirghisstan, Afghanistan, as a show of support for the troops over there. Oquendo arranged to have the flag flown by Chiow and the Australian Air Force.

CONNECTICUT— Two members of the Charles K. Hamilton Composite Squadron were awarded the Gen. Billy Mitchell Award.

Cadets Adam Sledge and Erik Rouleau received the Mitchell award in a ceremony at the Trinity Covenant Church in Plainville, Conn. Both were also promoted to the rank of second lieutenant.

Sledge graduated from Plainville High School and will be attending the New England

outstanding honor flight sergeant during this summer's wing encampment.

Rouleau also attended the national ground search and rescue in Indiana during the summer. He hopes to attend the Air Force Academy and become a pilot.

Also recognized at the ceremony for their efforts during the Connecticut Wing Encampment were Cadet Bernadette Welna, outstanding cadet commander, and Sr. Mbr. Jack

MAINE — Members of Cumberland County Composite Squadron supported an annual marathon for the Jason Program.

Sixteen squadron members met at the crack of dawn Oct. 7 to support the 11th Sportshoe Center Maine Marathon.

Donning their CAP safety vests, 10 cadets and six senior members were stationed at road intersections to guide the runners and advise local drivers on ways to avoid the closed streets.

Many of the runners thanked squadron members for their support in the event.

The Jason Program provides medical, emotional and spiritual care to Maine's critically ill and dying children, and their families. This year's marathon raised more than \$20,000.

Each year the marathon is run by Cumberland County Composite Squadron Member 1st Lt. Marc Brunelle. Members participating included: Capt. Charles Milo; Maj. Chris Hayden; Sr. Mbrs. Ted Kryzak, Harold Rebeiro, William Roy, Anne Piecuch and her husband, Jerry; and cadets Rogers, Burns, Connors, Goudey, Hoover, Kryzak, McGovern, Rebeiro, Rogers and Washuk.

Maj. Chris Hayden

NEW YORK — The 2002 National Powered Flight Academy was held for the first time on Long Island, N.Y., at Dowling College's School of Aviation in July.

Cadets attending the NFA came from 10 different wings: New York, Washington, Georgia, Maine, West Virginia, Colorado, California, Vermont, Pennsylvania and New Hampshire. At the flight academy, all 12 cadets completed their 10 hours of flight time and seven soloed.

In addition to the flight schedule, cadets found recreation time. Besides swimming at the local beach, they went to New York City. Some cadets were anxious to visit the site where the World Trade Center once stood. Most of them had never seen the buildings, so it may have been difficult to imagine how big they once were. Cadets were given a tour of the different memorials remaining at ground zero. There was also a visit to the World War II Memorial in Battery Park.

On Aug. 8, a banquet was held and each cadet received a certificate and a \$150 scholarship. The following cadets were presented with their solo wings: Castrechino, Elkins, Lord, Radtke, Razzano, Truso and Waterman.

Northeast Region Com-

mander Richard Greenhut presented the "Top Gun" award to Truso — a \$500 scholarship for the continuation of flight training.

The activity director of the NFA was Lt. Col. Edward Franco.

Serving on his staff were: Col. Don Prouty (NER), operations director; 1st Lt. Karen Amundson (New York), administrator director; Maj. Stephen Samuels, New York, assistant director; 1st Lt. Jim Arlow (Washington), safety officer; Lt. Col. Jacques J. Henrich, Capt. Jack J. Ozer and George Noren (all of New York), flight instructors; Capt. Ron Budzynski, Eric Sacks and 1st Lt. Barry Fell (all of New York), ground instructors; Capt. Mac T. Brice (New York), support officer; and 2nd Lt. Heidi Winter (Georgia), public affairs officer.

Cadets attending included: 2nd Lt. Ian Arlow (Washington); 2nd Lt. Erik Bellandi (Maine); Senior Master Sgt. Amanda Brubaker (West Virginia); Master Sgt. Joe Castrechino (New York); Senior Airman Drew Elkins (Colorado); 2nd Lt. Ian Lord (California); Col. Jesse Lundberg (Vermont); 2nd Lt. John Radtke (Washington); 2nd Lt. Alex Razzano (Pennsylvania); 2nd Lt. Adam Truso (Vermont); Master Sgt. Matthew Waterman (New Hampshire); and Airman Janice Winter (Georgia).

Sr. Mbr. Karen Amundson

NEW YORK — A New York Wing's Utica Composite Squadron member received the chaplain of the year award.

Maj. Edwin Kopp received the North East Region Senior Chaplain of the Year Award from New York Wing Vice Commander Lt. Col. Steve Perta.

The presentation took place Oct. 1 during a squadron meeting at the National Guard Armory in Utica, N.Y.

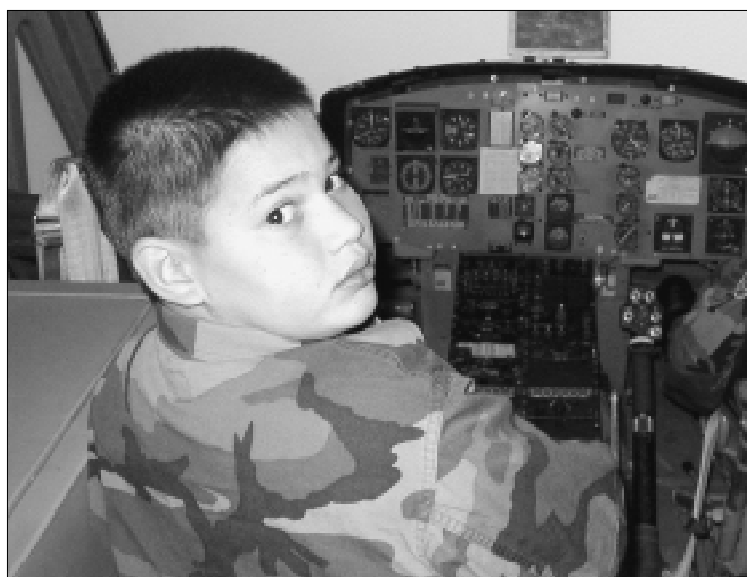
Kopp is employed by the Lutheran Care Ministries Network as a chaplain educator. In addition to performing duties as a CAP chaplain, Kopp serves as a mission pilot, instructor pilot and standardization-evaluation check pilot.

Sr. Mbr. Bob Stronach

NEW YORK — Several cadets and senior members from the Syracuse Umoja Composite Squadron traveled to Washington D.C. Aug. 15-18.

The trip provided an opportunity for squadron members to view many historic locations and learn more about aviation and aerospace history

Members of Pennsylvania Wing's Harrisburg International Composite Squadron visited Fort Indiantown Gap, Pa., and "piloted" helicopter simulators courtesy of the Pennsylvania National Guard. Top: Cadet Basic Oliver Siennick tries on a pair of night-flying goggles. Bottom: Cadet Staff Sgt. Christopher Siennick sits in the cockpit of a helicopter simulator.



including a visit to the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum.

In addition to the National Air and Space Museum, cadets visited the White House, Washington Monument, Lincoln, Vietnam Veterans and Korean War Veterans memorials, Arlington National Cemetery, National Cathedral, Smithsonian Natural and American History museums, and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

On their return trip, members had the opportunity for a brief visit to the Baltimore, Maryland inner harbor district.

Cadets marched in formation at Arlington National Cemetery and witnessed the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknowns.

Visitors took pictures as the cadets marched through the cemetery. Many cadets remarked that the visit to Arlington was the most memorable event of the trip. Witnessing the military precision of the changing of the guard gave a new importance to their weekly formations and activities.

The White House tour was limited, given current security concerns, but participants were able to view the Red, Green and Blue rooms, as well as the state dining room. Even though the tour was brief, cadets enjoyed the opportunity to see where former presidents lived and worked throughout history.

At the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, cadets were given a presentation by former City of Syracuse Mayor Roy A. Bernardi, who is currently assistant secretary for planning and community development. Many of the cadets knew Bernardi during his tenure in Syracuse. This personal relationship added to the excitement of this stop on their itinerary.

Charles R. Everett Jr.

PENNSYLVANIA — Members of the Harrisburg International Composite Squadron had the opportunity to "fly" helicopter simulators at Fort Indiantown Gap courtesy of the Pennsylvania National Guard.

Each cadet and senior member had about a 20-minute

"flight" with their instructor, Pennsylvania Air National Guard Maj. Bryan Martucci.

Gerald Hess, a civilian employee, was in charge of the outside control panel, which recorded the flights of each of the four huge simulators. Hess introduced "problems," such as wind velocity, direction and turbulence to simulated flights.

Active Guard Reserve Chief Warrant Officer Dale Bevans, an instructor pilot and instrument examiner, showed the group Cobra and Black Hawk helicopter simulators in action. In addition, Bevans gave a demonstration of night-flying goggles to each squadron member.

Maj. Donald Greenfield

MIDDLE EAST REGION

COMMANDER
COL. ROBERT T. TOWNSEND

DELAWARE ★ MARYLAND
NATIONAL CAPITAL ★ NORTH
CAROLINA ★ SOUTH CAROLINA
VIRGINIA ★ WEST VIRGINIA

NORTH CAROLINA —

The Iredell Composite Squadron held a fire safety training class with Iredell County Deputy Marshal Ronnie Thompson.

Thompson has been with the fire department for 30 years — 15 as fire marshal.

Thompson explained the components of fires, its classifications and how to extinguish them.

There are four types of fires. Class A fires are wood, paper or cloth, and can be extinguished with water. Class B fires are liquid, such as grease, gas, kerosene, and are extinguished by foam. Class C fires are electrical, and can be put out by killing the power. Class D fires usually result from flammable metals like magnesium — a common structural metal. Class D fires are best fought with dry powder extinguishing agents. Conventional fire fighting methods often do not work and some conventional fire extinguishing agents can actually make these fires much worse.

Thompson then went over the steps to extinguish a fire, and gave students an acronym to remember those steps. PASS — P stands for pull pin, A for aim hose at base of fire, S for squeeze handle and S for sweep

from side to side.

Thompson informed members that extinguishers in homes should have an A/B/C rating and a minimum five-pound rating. Rechargeable extinguishers need to be serviced after each use and disposable units, once used, need to be discarded and replaced.

Squadron members then went outside and practiced using a live burn with Thompson lighting materials in a containment pot.

All fire extinguisher equipment was furnished by Lake Norman Fire Equipment for the safety training exercise.

1st Lt. Denise Chapman

VIRGINIA— The Virginia Wing held its annual conference at the Holiday Inn Select in Richmond, Va., Oct. 4.

The conference was attended by approximately 180 members and guests.

Morning events began with general assembly. Discussions included the wing's accomplishments from the past year.

There are currently 12 aircraft in the wing, and each plane flew an average of 300 hours — the third highest amount of flying time in the nation. The glider program is two years old and going strong.

Membership has also increased by 200 members, and there has been a 20-percent increase in new 101 cards. Virginia also has a "paperless wing" program — an on-line program to diminish paperwork.

During morning assembly, the Henrico County police band "The Force" played several songs, including "Proud to Be An American" and the "National Anthem."

For levity, Elvis made an appearance. "Elvis Presley," played by Lt. Col. Duke Stanton, had his own version of the CAP uniform. He wore a one-piece pink jumpsuit with a contrasting blue cape.

Afternoon events included a visit to the historic display conducted by CAP National Curator Lt. Col. A. William Schell and a choice of many break-out seminars. Some of the seminars covered safety, public affairs, emergency services, GPS and search grids, professional development, DDR, communications, and cadet activities.

A just-for-fun photo contest was also held. Baby pictures of wing staff members were put on display for contestants to identify. 1st Lt. Patricia Stanton of the Winchester Composite Squadron won. She identified Tom Burns, Robin Vest, Bruce Patterson and Roy Davis.

The cadet speak-off was held that afternoon. The winners were announced at the evening banquet: They were: Tech. Sgt. Kelly Bronson, basic category; Capt. Chris Cosco, impromptu category; and Cadet Francis Zaborowski III, advanced category.

During the evening banquet CAP National Vice Commander Brig. Gen. Dwight Wheless spoke to the attendees, and awards were presented.

The wing award winners were: Lt. Col. Donald R. "Duke" Stanton, Senior Member of the Year; Winchester Composite Squadron, Unit Citation Award; Winchester Composite, Nomination, Wing Squadron of the Year; Lt. Col. Douglas S. Dudley, Meritorious Service Award; Monica Richardson, Service Award (40 years of service); Lt. Col. Curtis A. Murray, Service Award; and Cadet Francis Zaborowski, Cadet of the Year Award.

Door prizes for the longest CAP service went to Rudy Fraterrigo, 57 combined years as cadet and senior member, and Floyd Calahan, 45 years as a senior member. Eric Litt received one for having the lowest Gill Robb Wilson Award, Number 17.

Attendees included: Wheless; U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Gary Edelblute; State directors Don Burke and Tom Burns; Acting Middle East Region Commander Col. Charlie Glass; Virginia Wing Commander Col. Joseph Vazquez; Virginia Wing Vice Commander Lt. Col. Warren Vest; and Virginia Wing Chief of Staff Lt. Col. Tim Kramer.

Lt. Col. Linda J. Utting

VIRGINIA — Holston Valley Composite Squadron members received orientation flights at Virginia Highland.

Squadron members were given the opportunity to ride in a Cessna 182 or Cessna 172.

The C-182 was piloted courtesy by Maj. Bill Lane of Tennessee Wing's Kingsport Composite Squadron and 1st Lt. Saltsgaver. The C-172 was flown courtesy of Tazwell Squadron Sr. Mbr. Warren Sikes.

During the orientation flights, Sr. Mbr. Banks Garrison completed his Level 1 Orientation Course and cadet protection policy.

Virginia Wing members present were Capt. Robert Dorton, Capt. Charles Tyhurst, 2nd Lt. Francis Tate, Tech. Flight Officer Justin Adkinson, and Sr. Mbrs. Warren Sikes and Banks Garrison. Cadet involved were Senior Master Sgt. Jared Tyhurst, Master Sgt. Justin

Yurong, Staff Sgt. Sikes, Senior Airman Charles Marsh, and Airman 1st Class Will Garrison.

Technical Flight Officer
Justin Adkinson

GREAT LAKES REGION

COMMANDER
COL. WILLIAM S. CHARLES

ILLINOIS ★ INDIANA
KENTUCKY ★ MICHIGAN
OHIO ★ WISCONSIN

ILLINOIS — Illinois Wing's Group 22 Headquarters held an exhibit at the Waukegan Regional Airport's first annual aviation open house Sept. 28.

The unit display consisted of promotional literature, a laptop computer with photographs of CAP events scrolling on its screen, a recently distributed promotional video and a mannequin clothed in full ground team gear. Air Force Master Sgt. David Martin provided a golf-cart sized F-16 model, which proved to be a very popular photo opportunity, particularly for younger children. Also on static display was a CAP Cessna 172, Maule aircraft and a glider.

There was a full range of aircraft on display at the open house, from historical military planes such as an AT-6 Texan to home-built experimental aircraft. Among the more unusual aircraft was a Cold War-era Czech Air Force L-39 Albatross.

Also on display was the Waukegan Fire Department's safety trailer and airport rescue engine.

Adding music to the event was the U.S. Navy band from nearby Naval Station Great Lakes, Ill.

Maj. Grant Farrell

ILLINOIS — La Crosse Composite Squadron now has access to a computer-generated flight simulator.

The equipment was the brainchild of cadet flight instructors Capt. Harold Moe and Capt. Bonnie Berg, who noticed rapid advancement in cadets using computer flight simulator programs at home. Cadets Maj. Mikael Asfoor and Master Sgt. Matt Hobelsberger used Microsoft Flight Simulator on their personal computers — an activity that paved the way for fast progression in the air.

These student pilots were simply more knowledgeable about cockpit environment and at ease during flight activities than students without previous exposure.

AVCAP, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, purchased the Elite simulator, making it available to squadron members. Each member received a free two-hour introduction designed to acquaint a person with the simulator's operation. After this period, a modest fee per hour is charged for any additional "flight time" logged by users.

Acquiring the flight simulator gives members another way to obtain Federal Aviation Administration approved instrument flight rules training. The simulator is programmable to simulate 10 different aircraft such as a Beech Baron, Bonanza A36, three Cessna's, a King Air, Mooney, and three Pipers. It has most of the bells and whistles, such as power quadrants, a yoke, rudder pedals and avionics.

AVCAP, Inc. accomplished the original funding for the simulator purchase by selling prepaid flight time and a reduced hourly rate.

1st. Lt. Jim Hobelsberger

ILLINOIS — Three cadets of the Forest Park Composite Squadron were honored at an awards ceremony.

The presentation took place at the Naval Reserve Center in Forest Park, Ill.

Illinois Wing Commander Col. Jay Burrell presented the Amelia Earhart Award to cadets Maj. Andrew Welch and Capt. Jonathon Gruber, and the Gen. Billy Mitchell Award to Cadet 2nd Lt. Andre Beaudette.

During the awards cer-

emony, Forest Park Squadron Commander Lt. Col. Ray Walden took the opportunity to formally present a few aeronautical ratings and specialty badges that members had recently earned. Gruber and Beaudette earned their solo wings. Capt. Walter Beaudette recently completed his FAA Private Pilot Certificate and was awarded his pilot wings. Welch was awarded his Senior Ground Team Badge for attaining his ground team leader specialty rating.

Welch is a junior at Northwestern University. He is aggressively pursuing the Gen. Ira C. Eaker and Gen. Carl A. Spaatz awards. Welch is also looking forward to moving into the CAP senior member program in February.

Gruber is a senior at Riverside-Brookfield High School and is hoping for an appointment to the U.S. Air Force Academy. In addition to the cadet program milestone awards, Gruber was presented the Air Force Association's CAP Cadet of the Year Award by Ret. Air Force Lt. Col. Joseph Pate.

Beaudette was also honored with the Air Force Sergeant's Association's CAP Non Commissioned Officer of the Year Award. He is a junior at Elk Grove High School and is considering college or a professional military career. Beaudette has also put a priority on completing his flight training. Group XIV Commander Maj. Gil Paik had the honors of making his presentation.

Pate is president of the Chicago Area Chapter of the American Flight Association and state director of liaison services for the Illinois Wing.

Lt. Col. Ray Walden



Cadet Airman Basic Benit Gray of Illinois Wing's Lake-In-The-Hills Composite Squadron sits in a CAP glider for the first time at the Waukegan Airport. Members from Illinois Wing's Group 22 were there to promote CAP during the airport's first annual aviation open house.

MICHIGAN — Michigan Wing cadets assisted helped with a fly-in at the Romeo Peach Festival.

Cadets from three squadrons helped marshal and direct aircraft, performed crowd control, and marched in a parade during the annual festival.

Thirty-three cadets and senior members from the Selfridge Cadet, Blue Water Composite and Oakland Composite squadrons helped during various phases of the event.

"The CAP has a long-standing relationship with community leaders in Romeo (Mich.), and we have been fortunate to be invited back repeatedly to provide assistance at this important event," said Selfridge Cadet Squadron Commander Capt. Terri Couls.

This year, an aircraft fuel fire was spotted by squadron members staffing the fly-in. Using an airport extinguisher, members helped put out the fire and directing equipment to the scene.

Participating from the Selfridge Squadron were: Cadets — 1st Lt. David Clark, 2nd Lts. Kimberly Couls and Theo Moran; Master Sgt. Sarah Andreski; Tech. Sgts. Kevin Mitchell and Kyle Witkowski; Staff Sgts. Sean Croff, Greg Van Hamme and Stephen Van Hamme; Senior Airman Charles Krause; Airman 1st Class Stephanie Schnell; Airmen Sean Freebern, Chelsea Dean, Randy Peterson, Jonathan Pidek and Brian Williams; and Airmen Basics Brandon Bartley and John Fells; and Senior members — Couls; Lt. Col. Franklin Newman III; Capt. Richard Thalmann; Chaplain (Capt.) Mark Bell; 1st Lts. Kevin Torma, and Del Potrykus; and 2nd Lts. Jim Barg and Stephen Hopson.

Participating from the Blue Water squadron were: Cadets — Senior Airman Carla Arnold; and Airmen Carl Arnold and Stephen Fogelsong; and Senior members — Capt. Sheila Cerny and 2nd Lt. James Arnold.

Participating from the Oakland squadron was cadet Senior Airman Andy Linn.

2nd Lt. Tim Moran

WISCONSIN — The 2002 National Powered Flight Academy was held this summer at Whittman Airport in Oshkosh, Wisc.

Eighteen cadets from across the nation and one international cadet participated, and the vast majority of cadets soloed.

The flight staff included seven instructors, a ground instructor and five support staff members.

At the end of the event, a banquet was held at the Experimental Aircraft Association Museum.

Ohio Wing cadet 1st Lt. Jason Dorsey received the activity's "Top Gun Award" and a \$500 scholarship to be used toward his flight training.

Maj. Phil Holbrook

WISCONSIN — Tactical Air Flight 248 hosted Horace Sanchez, who presented a program on minorities in aviation.

Sr. Mbr. Sherwood Williams arranged for Sanchez, who is with Special Outreach with Aviation Resources, to speak at the squadron's regular meeting Aug. 22.

Sanchez covered minority aviation role-models and pioneers, such as: Eugene Jacque Bullard, the only African American to fly an airplane in World War I; Bessie Coleman, the first woman to earn an international aviation license and world's first licensed African American aviator; Willa Brown, first African American woman to receive a commercial pilot's license; the Tuskegee Airmen, first African American Army Air Corps pilots; and Women Airforce service pilots, the first women pilots in the U.S. armed services.

Attendees included: Jeff Thompson, flight commander; Lt. Col. Brian Holland. Reserve liaison officer; Terry Radtke, Martin Westphal, Conrad Eggers, Bob Patenaude, David Reinke, Dennis Zdiarstek and Jim Peterson; and Fox Cities Composite Squadron cadets Lucas Crouch and Bob Badeau.

Sr. Mbr. Jim Peterson

SOUTH-EAST REGION

COMMANDER
COL. ANTONIO J. PINEDA

ALABAMA * FLORIDA *
GEORGIA * MISSISSIPPI *
PUERTO RICO * TENNESSEE

FLORIDA — On Nov. 11, cadets and senior members of the SRQ Composite Squadron took part in the Manatee County Veterans Day Parade.

The parade began at Veterans Park and then wound its way through downtown Bradenton, Fla.

The lead banner was carried

by cadets 1st Lt. David Leali and Maj. Robby Slusser. The colors were presented by cadets 2nd Lt. Scott Fox, Maj. Kevin Merrick, 2nd Lt. Steven Kester and Senior Airman Jessica Craig.

Capt. Patrick O'Key

FLORIDA — The Florida Wing Emergency Services Directorate organized and sponsored an electronic search competition in Daytona Beach Oct. 12.

Dubbed the 2002 Directional Finding Challenge, the activity pitted 5 urban DF teams against six electronic targets in the day-long effort.

The objective of the competition was to test the accuracy and speed of electronic search teams in the face of various target scenarios. The team with the lowest cumulative search time at the end of the day won.

Search challenges included forest, parking lot, building, ocean beach, marina and hangar scenarios.

The overall winner of the competition was the Deland Composite Squadron. Group 7 and the Tallahassee, Pasco County and Jacksonville Composite squadrons also participated.

Maj. Frank N. Haas

FLORIDA — Florida Wing members participated in an exercise Oct. 23 that involved weapons of mass destruction.

The exercise was conducted by Weston, Fla., officials and the Broward County Hospital District.

The simulation was a practice drill to prepare the local health facilities for a possible disaster. The scenario was a disaster or attack that caused a large numbers of injuries. The hospital emergency rooms were either overloaded with more severe cases or quarantined due to possible contamination. Local medical centers were called on to assist.

Cadets, senior members and other volunteers from the community were assigned an injury, most receiving bandages to their heads, arms and legs. Squadron members arriving at the hospital signed in, and then stated their injury, personal data and level of pain. Participants acted as though they were injured and in pain.

Of course, some people are better actors than others. Sr. Mbr. Rick Aronovski ran into the lobby yelling he had been contaminated. The medical staff immediately rushed him out of the building for decontamination and treatment.

Cadet Airman Emilio Estevez Merlot, while waiting for

treatment, began screaming in pain and fell to the floor. He was immediately rushed out and slated for a simulated airlift to a trauma unit. Though this was just a drill, the medical staff reacted to the ad lib performances as though they were real.

Members participating were:

Cadet Maj. Jeff Stahl (Coral Springs Composite Squadron); Capt. Diane Reid (Southeast Region); Airman 1st Class Jordan Rudin, Airmen Kellie Jones and Emilio Estevez Merlot, Airmen Basic Jesus Flores, Amanda Lenardson, A.J. Allen, Richard Doeblar and Jancarlos Bowling; commander Capt. Jimmy Rojas; and Sr. Mbr. Rick Aronovski (all members of the Weston Cadet Squadron).

Capt. Diane Reid

FLORIDA — Members of the Tamiami Composite Squadron attended the annual national ground search and rescue school.

Squadron cadet members Capt. Paulo Gonzalez, Tech. Sgt. Daniel Garcia, 2nd Lt. Alexander Roman and 1st Lt. Alina Garcia were in attendance Aug. 4-16 at Camp Atterbury in Indianapolis.

About 300 CAP members attended the event.

Participants completed a number of courses, including knots, emergency first aid, navigation, and general search and rescue. The participants completed training with teamwork, study and practice.

"It's a worthwhile trip for any cadet or senior member," said Garcia.

Alina Garcia, Daniel Garcia, and Roman qualified as ground team members. Gonzalez became a senior ground team member and ground team leader.

By the end of training, 100 of the participants became ground team members, 50 became senior ground team members, and four qualified as ground team leaders.

Staff Sgt. Sofia Gonzalez

GEORGIA — A Peachtree City-Falcon Field Composite Squadron cadet was awarded the Gen. Carl A. Spaatz Award.

Cadet Maj. Brett Matcheck received the distinguished award Oct. 5 from CAP National Commander Maj. Gen. Richard L. Bowling during the Southeast Region's conference in Marietta, Ga.

Matcheck, a former cadet commander, comes from a CAP cadet family. His father, uncle, brother and sister have all served in CAP's cadet ranks.

Matcheck participated in

the International Air Cadet Exchange program last summer. He spent two weeks in the Netherlands.

Matcheck holds a private pilot's license, and his goal is to attend the U.S. Air Force Academy and become an Air Force fighter pilot.

Lt. Col. Philip F. Bowden

GEORGIA — Recognized as the largest Southeast Region conference in history, more than 325 members and guests met at the Wyndham Garden Hotel in Marietta, Ga., Oct. 5, to participate in informative seminars, listen to outstanding speakers and accept awards.

The morning's general session opened with the 2002 National Cadet Competition color guard champions presenting colors. The color guard members were: Chief Master Sgts. Marissa Streifel, Jennifer Obranic and Jacqueline Broedell; Senior Airman Celeste Brewer; and Jessica Craig. The team escorts were presented Exceptional Service awards by SER Commander Col. Antonio Pineda and Col. Matthew Sharkey.

A remembrance ceremony then took place for the SER members who had passed away since the last conference. Past national commanders, national board members and national headquarters staff attending were also recognized.

Pineda unveiled his "Just Do It," campaign. During the next 90 days, he challenged every SER member to recruit one new member for CAP. Although the SER contains the largest membership, Pineda wants to double it by going over the 21,000 mark.

CAP National Commander Maj. Gen. Richard L. Bowling spoke during the session and emphasized CAP's focus on improving safety. After that, the next six hours were devoted to seminars taught by both national headquarters and SER staff.

Two-hundred-and-eighty-two members and guests attended the evening banquet. Tables were set up in the hall for overflowing crowds. A highlight of the banquet was the awards presentation.

Many awards were given out that evening including the Gen. Carl A. Spaatz Award, which was presented to Florida Wing Cadet Commander Lt. Col. Drapaudi Beloved and Lt. Col. Brett Matcheck of Georgia Wing's Peachtree City-Falcon Field Composite Squadron.

Beloved joined the Mississippi Wing in 1997 and later moved to Florida. She was

recognized as the 2000 Florida Wing Cadet of the Year and served as the 2001 Cadet Encampment Commander.

Matckeck joined CAP in 1996. His many accomplishments are Georgia Wing cadet advisory council chairman, 2002 cadet encampment commander and 2002 Georgia cadet drill team commander. Matckeck was selected to participate in the 2002 Internal Air Cadet Exchange. He attained his private pilot's license in June. He joins an elite group of only 30 cadets from the Georgia Wing who has earned the Spaatz award.

Other awards presented included: Amelia Earhart Award, Florida Wing's Andres Holguin; Gen. Billy Mitchell Award, Florida Wing's Steve Adiazola and Gil Gutierrez; Frank Brewer Aerospace Education Award, Florida Wing's cadet 2nd Lt. Samantha Price, and Sr. Mbrs. 1st Lt. Linda Trimpey and Lt. Col. Richard Patrucci.

Georgia Wing's Rome Composite Squadron and the Southeast Region were presented with unit citations.

From nominations submitted by SER's wing commanders, Pineda awarded the following: SER Communicator of the Year, 1st Lt. Robert Colbert (Florida); SER Safety Officer of the Year, Lt. Col. Lyle Letteer (Southeast Region); SER Aerospace Education Officer of the Year, Lt. Col. John Lynn (Florida); SER Moral Leadership Officer of the Year, 1st Lt. Judith Fabre (Puerto Rico); SER Chaplain of the Year, Chaplain (Maj.) Dewey Painter (Florida); SER Public Affairs Officer of the Year, Lt. Col. Buddy Harris (Florida); SER Senior Member of the Year, Lt. Col. Frank Reidinger (Florida); SER Cadet of the Year, Cadet Lt. Col. Jonathan Vasquez (Puerto Rico); and SER Wing of the Year, Florida Wing.

The evening's speakers were: Chairman of the CAP Board of Governors and former inspector general of the U.S. Air Force retired Lt. Gen. Nicholas Kehoe; CAP-U.S. Air Force Commander Col. George Vogt; CAP Executive Director Col. Allen Allenback; Bowling; Pineda; and special guest speaker Bruce Baughman, director of the Office of National Preparedness in the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

A special POW/MIA ceremony was conducted by seven selected cadets from throughout the region wearing service hats by current and past members of our armed forces. Three local law enforcement personnel and Southeast Region's Maj. Peter

Leet — representing firefighters — participated in the ceremony to honor those public service officers who lost their lives in the line of duty.

The master of ceremonies for the morning session and evening banquet was Roy Boudreaux. Although having appeared in this capacity for many of CAP's national conferences and the CAP gala this past March in Washington, D.C., he was not a CAP member — until now. To kick off his Operation Just Do It, Pineda became the first member of the Southeast Region to recruit a new member — Boudreaux.

Maj. Brenda Allison

TENNESSEE — More than 150 members from across Tennessee came to Knoxville for the annual Tennessee Wing Conference held at the Grace Lutheran Church facilities Nov. 1-2.

Members spent the weekend in seminars learning more about homeland security, safety, emergency services, cadet programs and logistics.

Tennessee Wing Commander Col. Joseph C. Meighan III gave a state-of-the-wing address.

An awards ceremony was held in the morning program and at the evening banquet to recognize the outstanding achievements of volunteers.

During a wing change-of-command ceremony at the evening banquet, Col. James M. Rushing took over the wing's reins. He was sworn in by CAP National Commander Maj. Gen. Richard L. Bowling and Southeast Region Commander Col. Antonio J. Pineda.

Bowling, Pineda and Meighan presented awards to several cadets. Kingsport Composite Squadron Cadet Col. David A. Greene was presented CAP's highest achievement in the cadet program, the Gen. Carl A. Spaatz Award. Berry Field Composite Squadron Cadet Lt. Col. Brian Kinner was presented the Gen. Ira C. Eaker Award for his completion of all 16 achievements and four phases of the CAP program.

The Amelia Earhart Award was presented to cadets Cpts. John M. Lufi, Kingsport Composite Squadron; Cameron Price, Cleveland Composite Squadron and Henry Composite Squadron 2nd Lt. Thomas E. Myers received the Gen. Billy Mitchell Award.

The Tennessee Aeronautics Board provided funding for two cadet flight scholarships for the fiscal year. Receiving up to \$2,500 each toward their flight

training was: cadets Maj. Stewart Hawkins, McGhee-Tyson Composite Squadron; and 2nd Lt. Joshua Frizzell, Memphis Belle Memorial Squadron. Lt. Cols. William & Melinda Lord

TENNESSEE

— Emergency beacon in local store prompts search.

Satellites monitored by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center picked up an emergency signal in the Tallahassee area instigating a search and rescue mission by the Tallahassee Composite Squadron Oct. 3.

After a brief search by air and ground crews, the signal was found to be coming from an emergency transmitter in a display case inside the West Marine boating store. Store personnel were summoned, allowing the team to deactivate the unit. The emergency beacon was switched on during a customer demonstration and inadvertently left on.

Tallahassee Composite Squadron is based at Tallahassee Regional Airport and cautions boaters, hunters, and others with these emergency devices to test them only as the manufacturer instructs and always make certain that the unit is off, following any testing.

1st Lt. Kevin Smith

TENNESSEE — Kingsport Composite Squadron Cadet Col. David A. Greene is the squadron's latest recipient of the Gen. Carl A. Spaatz Award — CAP's highest achievement for cadets.

CAP National Commander Maj. Gen. Richard L. Bowling, Southeast Region Commander Col. Antonio J. Pineda and Tennessee Wing Commander Col. Joseph C. Meighan III presented Greene with the award during the evening banquet at the Tennessee Wing annual conference Nov. 2 in Knoxville, Tenn.

Greene, a junior and pre-law student at the University of Tennessee, has a 4.0 GPA. He was home schooled through the 12th grade by his parents, Renee and David Greene.

Greene is the first cadet in the 50-year history of the Kingsport Composite Squadron to receive the Spaatz award. He also received the 2002 Tennessee Wing Cadet of the Year Award.



**Cadet Col.
David A. Greene**

Greene joined CAP in 1996 and has served as cadet commander, special advisor, training officer, leadership officer, public affairs officer, drill team commander and cadet advisory council representative.

Cadets who have served under Greene's leadership have gone on to serve in the Air Force, Army, Army Reserves and Marines. Two of his former cadets are now pilots.

Lt. Cols. William & Melinda Lord

TENNESSEE

— Three McGhee Tyson Composite Squadron cadets — Matthew Isbell,

Stewart Hawkins and Steven Currier — received achievement awards.

Isbell received the Gen. Billy Mitchell Award. He also completed his Eagle Scout Award and received his first Find Ribbon.

Hawkins received the Amelia Earhart Award. He recently received a wing flight scholarship and was awarded a Find Ribbon.

Currier also received the Mitchell award and has accepted a position as deputy corps commander in the JROTC, in addition to his work in CAP.

Cadet Lt. Col. Jeff Clark

NORTH CENTRAL REGION

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IOWA ★ KANSAS
MINNESOTA ★ MISSOURI
NEBRASKA ★ NORTH DAKOTA
SOUTH DAKOTA

IOWA — The Davenport Composite Squadron invited the Quad City and Dubuque Composite squadrons to take part in orientation flights for cadets.

This was the first time the three squadrons took part in a joint venture. It included both power and glider flights, plus some electronic locator transmitter ground team work.

In all, the units flew 14 glider and 11 power flights.

"Didn't know something would fly without an engine," "Ultimate roller coaster" — these

were some of the comments from the cadets after flying.

The director of Iowa Wing's glider program, Lt. Col. Steve Lewis, and Capt. Gary Aho piloted the gliders. Iowa Wing Commander Col. Russ Smith, Lt. Col. Bruce Wright, Maj. Jerry Lowry, Maj. McCoy and 1st Lt. Kim Kirschman piloted the tow plane. Wright, McCoy, Capt. Jim Clonts, Kirschman and 1st Lt. Terry Kruse flew the cadets in powered aircraft. Lt. Col. Nielsen, 2nd Lt. Paul Wakeman and Sr. Mbr. Laura Prine were in charge of the ELT practice. Maj. Dave Bachtell, Maj. Ron Scheitzach, Capt. Julia Bachtell, Capt. Robby Clark, Capt. Drew Waggoner, Capt. Rosemary Wilson, 1st Lts. John Hoenshly and John Wilson; 2nd Lts. Richard Rogers and Paul Wakeman; and Sr. Mbrs. James Brownell, Gary Hess and Steve Robinson helped out with the support duties.

The event was put together by Davenport squadron commander Maj. Michael McCoy, Quad City's deputy squadron commander Lt. Col. Brian Nielsen and Dubuque squadron commander Ron Scheitzach.

Cadets in attendance were: Cassie Brownell, Jeffery Carstensen, Tim Collins, Pat Conrad, Brittney Gish, Brian Hess, Seth Kimbell, Shawn Maxwell, Eric McCoy, Michael Morris, Bradley Rogers, Matt Runte, Zachary Shafer, Jeimie Schever, Jeffery Schwan, Terry Showers, Adam Sonnevill and Tiffany Stirk.

Capt. Julia Bachtell

IOWA — East Iowa Cadet Squadron members participated in the 75th anniversary and rededication of the Veterans Memorial Building Sept. 28.

The event took place in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and featured commemorative speeches by local dignitaries, live patriotic music and displays by various veterans organizations.

Built between 1927-'28, the ornate 10-story structure serves as a monument to veterans and is home to a number of city municipal offices, as well as the Linn County Emergency Management Center. The squadron has an office in the building and meets regularly in the downstairs armory for cadet activities.

Members participating in the event were: Cadets Staff Sgt. Luke Conrad, Airman Justin Mangrich, Airman 1st Class Ryan Muller and Maj. Casey Schroeder; Sr. Mbrs. Col. John Lalla and 2nd Lt. Bruce Tiemann.

2nd Lt. Bruce Tiemann



Photo by 2nd Lt. Bruce Tiemann

From left, East Iowa Cadet Squadron cadets Maj. Casey Schroeder, Airman Justin Mangrich, Airman 1st Class Ryan Muller and Staff Sgt. Luke Conrad participate in a 75th anniversary commemorative ceremony at Veterans Memorial Building in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

IOWA — A former U.S. Army chaplain addressed more than 40 members and guests of the East Iowa Cadet Squadron in Cedar Rapids Nov. 2.

Retired U.S. Army Col. David Peterson recounted the challenges he and his chaplains faced in providing religious coverage to American troops stationed in the Gulf.

As senior military chaplain in Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm in 1990 and '91, Peterson commanded all chaplains in the area of operations, reporting directly to Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf Jr.

Schwarzkopf once told the chaplain, "You make sure that all my troops have the opportunity to practice their faith."

In the end, those challenges were met and 500,000 Bibles — bound with camouflage covers — were issued to troops.

Peterson said one of his most memorable moments came in the early morning hours of Feb. 24, 1991 — the day the ground attack began against Iraqi forces occupying Kuwait. He was summoned to Schwarzkopf's headquarters. Peterson recalled Schwarzkopf's words: "Dave, I am going to send many young people to their death this morning, and I need

you to pray for them."

After further conversation, the two went to the war room where Schwarzkopf gave a rousing 30-minute speech and asked the chaplain to pray.

Peterson retired from active duty in 1995 and currently serves as executive director of the Presbyterian and Reformed Joint Committee on Chaplains and Military Personnel and Coordinator for Chaplain Ministries, Mission to North America, Presbyterian Church in America.

2nd Lt. Bruce Tiemann



Retired U.S. Army Col. David Peterson

MINNESOTA — The Minnesota Wing held its 10th annual commander's workshop.

The workshop is an intensive week-end program designed for all group, squadron and flight adult leaders throughout Minnesota.

This year's workshop for 40 leaders provided practical information and exercises to enhance managerial skills.

The education program included the following presentations: interaction with wing vice commander Lt. Col. David Skaar; aerospace education opportunities with Col. Kevin Sliwinski; reports and forms

requirements with Maj. Steve Miller; an introduction to the U.S. Coast Guard, Auxiliary Division 11, 8th Western Rivers Region with Capt. Dan Forby; inspector general highlights with Lt. Col. Gary Renick; flight release officers responsibilities with Capt. Joan Kistner; and proper uniform wear with Sliwinski.

On Sunday, wing commander Col. Dale Hoiium conducted the semiannual commander's call and presented the graduation certificates.

Course graduates were: Capt. John Barsness, Maj. Shannon Bauer, Capt. Darlene Benjamin, Lt. Col. Keith Bischoff, Jeffrey Borseth, Lt. Col. Roger Brogren, Capt. Rolf Carlson, Capt. James Craswell, Capt. Marcel Derosier, Maj. Victoria Eckhoff, Maj. Carl Hallum, Maj. Nancy Hoiium, 1st Lt. John Huber, Capt. James Hulteen, Lt. Col. Larry Hynding, Maj. Richard Josephson, Maj. Thomas Kettell, Maj. Douglas Kilian, 2nd Lt. Robin LaCoursiere, Capt. Aron Leavstrom, Maj. Craig Lommel, Capt. Kenneth Lundgren, Miller, Capt. Charlotte Miller, Lt. Col. Michael Moen, 1st Lt. Ernest Moen, Capt. Elizabeth Pfingsten, Lt. Col. John Quilling, 1st Lt. Michael Rehbein, Col. Dennis Rock, Capt. Leslie Rostad, Lt. Col. Alan Rustan, Lt. Col. James Schlick, Skaar, Sliwinski, Capt. Thomas Van Engen, Maj. Richard Wenzel, William Willis and 1st Lt. Richard Yeager.

Col. Dennis Rock

MISSOURI — The Pathfinder's Technical School held its first class in October.

Meeting at the Sedalia Cadet Squadron, members from Lee's Summit Composite, Richards-Gebaur Composite and Sedalia Cadet squadrons attended three consecutive weekend sessions.

Each session began early on Saturday morning and ended late afternoon on Sunday.

Cadets and senior members tested field gear, reviewed personal search and rescue preparations, and practiced field skills.

Each section of the ground-team member and urban direction finding task guide assignments were reviewed and supplemented with detailed instruction. Particular attention was spent on navigation, inter-team duties, working with aircraft, proper protocols, field techniques and information pertinent to Missouri.

Bivouac proficiency was tested early on Oct. 7., as a microburst crossed the Sedalia Memorial Airport and wreaked minor havoc on the students with

40 to 50 knot winds, rain and small hail. Fortunately, the ordeal was short-lived.

Lee's Summit Composite Squadron Commander Capt. John Burrows said, during the time he spent in Africa completing anthropology studies, he never experienced anything like the short flight his tent made when the rain-fly became an air foil.

Capt. Chris Morris attended the activities on the last weekend and flew a CAP Cessna 172 to provide familiarization for students working with support aircraft in a mission-type setting.

The last phase of the PTS was a practical skills test. Graduation followed with certificates, patches and presentation of the "revered" orange shoulder cord by instructor Lt. Col. Scott Lawson.

Those graduating from the 2002 Pathfinder's Technical School were: Sedalia Cadets 2nd Lt. Greg Bird and Master Sgt. Katherine Lawson; Richards-Gebaur cadets Sgt. Scott Knight and Sr. Mbr. Zachary Packingham; and Lee's Summit member Capt. John Burrows.

Lt. Col. Gary Gregory of Richards-Gebaur served as a part time assistant and instructor.

Lt. Col. Gary W. Gregory

NEBRASKA — Fremont Cadet Squadron members attended the area's first-ever Aerospace Fair Sept. 21.

Fair activities included making styrofoam gliders, building paper rockets and plane rides conducted by the Experimental Aircraft Association.

Peggy Cassell conducted a "Star Search" by looking at the heavens and finding the North Star, and Jim Kuddes helped by organizing the flight schedule.

Held in Fremont, Neb., the event was sponsored by the KHUB broadcast station, parents of cadets, Yogi Martin of the Fremont Middle School and the Dodge County area.

Participating members were: Cadets Kate Peterson, Tara Wagner, Mina Lockhart, Elizabeth Stanley, Mike Mattes and Fran and Tina Cassell; Sr. Mbrs. Richard Vitters, Leonard Cassell, Isaac Piper, Steve Sutton, Ralph Gibbons, and Barbara and Steve Kuddes; and squadron commander Maj. Theresa Pronske.

Lt. Col. Ken Jurek

NEBRASKA — Siouxland Composite Squadron cadet Kirri Standridge was selected to attend the National Young Leaders Conference Oct. 15-20 in Washington, D.C.

Standridge was one of 400 students from around the country who attended.

The theme of the NYLC is leaders of tomorrow meeting leaders of today. Throughout the six-day conference Standridge interacted with key leaders and news makers from the three branches of government, the media, and the international community.

"It's wonderful to see high school students like Kirri Standridge seeking out the NYLC in an effort to learn and take on leadership roles in communities throughout our country," said Michael Lasday, executive director of the Congressional Youth Leadership Council, the organization that sponsors NYLC. "Those who participate in this program not only gain knowledge and experience in the nation's capital, they leave with a sense of accomplishment and an increased ability to face the challenges of the future."

Highlights of the program included remarks from the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives and a panel discussion with prominent journalists at the national press club. Standridge also met with senators, representatives or an appointed member of their staff to discussing issues facing the nation.

To complement the schedule of special meetings and briefings, Standridge participated in a number of leadership skill-building activities. In one role-play activity known as, "If I Were President," students took on roles of president and cabinet members responding to an international crisis. Students also examined actual Supreme Court cases during a judicial simulation called "Testing the Constitution."

NYLC culminated in a model congress, as students assumed the roles of U.S. representatives, debated, and amended and voted on proposed mock legislation.

Founded in 1985, CYLC is a nonprofit, nonpartisan educational organization. More than 400 members of the U.S. Congress serve on the CYLC Honorary Congressional Board of Advisors. In addition, more than 25 ambassadors from countries around the world participate in the CYLC Honorary Board of Ambassadors.

Lt. Col. Ken Jurek

NORTH DAKOTA — Senior members with the Red River Valley Senior Squadron and 119th Air National Guard Cadet Squadron assisted the Commemorative Air Force with crowd control as they

loaded and unloaded passengers for sight-seeing flights Sept. 8.

"Diamond Lil" is one of only three flying B-24 Liberators. The aircraft was produced in the thousands during World War II. Originally fitted out as a transport ship, it was never equipped with much of the armament often associated with these powerful bombers.

The B-24 Liberator is configured for passenger seating to give rides to those who wish to experience flight in a classic military bomber. Up to six passengers were accommodated for each of five trips.

Passenger transfers were done "hot" with props turning during the process. Commemorative Air Force members marshalled passenger boarding to ensure safety. Squadron members helped viewers remain clear of turning props and the active taxiway.

Between flights, volunteers were able to view aircraft in the Fargo Air Museum and see the last flying B-29 — known as "FiFi" — parked outside the museum.

After the last B-24 flight, cadets were given the opportunity to tour the aircraft.

Sunday ended a week of viewing the vintage aircraft. On Monday, they were winging their way to Bismarck, N.D., for their next appearance.

Capt. John Steiner

SOUTH-WEST REGION

COMMANDER
COL. COLIN F. FAKE

ARIZONA ★ ARKANSAS
LOUISIANA ★ NEW MEXICO
OKLAHOMA ★ TEXAS

LOUISIANA — Members of the Louisiana Wing assisted the U.S. Department of Justice with a full-scale disaster drill.

Members of the Shreveport Senior Squadron and Lake Charles Composite Squadron aided the Office of Emergency Preparedness in a full-scale drill at the Louisiana State Fairgrounds Oct. 9.

The OEP exercise was staged to prepare the Shreveport/Bossier area for a terrorist attack involving weapons of mass destruction.

The scenario called for a

simulated chemical weapons attack with mass casualties and mass fatalities. Local response agencies coordinated the on-site activities with nine area hospitals receiving victims from the site.

Squadron members provided the OEP with slow-scan video. Shreveport squadron member Capt. Robert Morgan was instrumental in putting together the slow-scan equipment and seeing that squadron members were well trained in their use.

Morgan and the ground crews set up their slow-scan equipment in the Shreveport Police Command Post. Crews also set up the slow-scan equipment at the Shreveport 911 Center in downtown Shreveport, where additional squadron members monitored the drill.

Shreveport squadron member Lt. Col. Hardy Cole captured the images, saved them, and immediately uploaded the images to the CAP WMIRS Web site.

Inside the Shreveport Police Command Post, Capt. Steve Wood of the Shreveport Squadron, along with Lt. Col. Rock Palermo of the Lake Charles squadron provided images to the command staff. Images received at the command post were then recorded on VHS.

2nd Lt. Mary V. Smith

OKLAHOMA — Members of the Stillwater Composite Squadron participated in "Flight Night" at the Westwood Elementary School in Stillwater, Okla., Oct. 22.

A wide variety of aviation-related activities, including hot air balloons, hovercrafts, kites, helicopters and windsocks were presented by the various organizations. Members of the squadron set up several displays and conducted several hands-on activities.

Visitors were provided with general CAP information, a chance to view an informational video, examine search and rescue equipment, and an opportunity to test their knowledge matching famous aviators with their accomplishments on an electronic quiz board.

More than 800 people attended the event, which was sponsored by the Oklahoma State University College of Education Excel Program and the Westwood PTA.

Squadron members present included: Flight Officer Brian Berry; 1st Lts. Dan Buehner, Kathy Curtin and Mike Johnson; Capt. Kelly Wardlaw; Sr. Mbr. Brandon Phillips; and Cadet Senior Airman Steven Worlow.

1st Lt. Kathy Curtin



Photo by Capt. Courtney Walsh

Colorado Wing Valkyrie Cadet Squadron cadets and Colorado Wing Commander Col. John Buschmann listen as President Bush delivers a speech. The squadron had the honor of presenting the colors for the president at the rally held in the Wings Over the Rockies Air & Space Museum at Lowry Air Force Base in Denver. Cadet members of the color guard were: Senior Airmen Amanda Jennings and Melissa Jennings; Master Sgt. Alec Atwood; and Chief Master Sgt. Leif Sorensen.

TEXAS — Members of the Plano Mustang and Addison Eagles Composite squadrons hosted a joint search and rescue exercise (SAREX) bivouac in rural Quitman, Texas, during the weekend of Oct. 11.

The SAREX was led by Plano squadron commander Steven J. Lamonte and Maj. Daryl Booth.

Training curriculum included classes in radio operator authorization theory, first aid, knot tying, fire building, shelter building and land navigation. Also, numerous day and night time electronic locator transmitter search scenarios were conducted, including some with simulated casualties.

More than 30 cadets and senior members took part in the three-day bivouac.

Lt. Col. C. Jack Faas

TEXAS — Cadets from Texas Wing's Group 13 met with members of the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds.

On Oct. 25, Sugarland Composite Squadron's Maj. Robert Wolin piloted the plane as the Thunderbirds chose their location markers for the air show at Ellington Field in Houston.

After the flight, members of the Thunderbirds took time to speak with each of the cadets as they passed through a Thunderbirds receiving line.

Thunderbird commander Air Force Lt. Col. Richard G. McSpadden Jr. spoke with the cadets. He emphasized the importance of education, service to the nation and benefits of their

efforts in the CAP. The cadets were encouraged to set high standards and make themselves and their nation proud.

Wolin, who arranged the meeting with the Thunderbirds, serves as the judge advocate officer for Group 13.

Maj. Bob Wolin

ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION

COMMANDER
COL. LYNDA C. ROBINSON

COLORADO ★ IDAHO
MONTANA ★ UTAH
WYOMING

COLORADO — Colorado Wing's Valkyrie Cadet Squadron presented the colors for President Bush.

The color guard had the distinguished honor of being invited to present the colors for the president at a rally held in the Wings Over the Rockies Air & Space Museum located on historic Lowry Air Force Base in Denver.

On the stage, the color guard posted the United States and Colorado flags, while county music star Michael Martin Murphy sang the national anthem for a crowd of more than

3,000 guests. Back stage, 1st Lt. Paul Gilmore assisted the color guard as a secret service liaison.

After the rally, Colorado Governor Bill Owens and his son congratulated the cadets on their outstanding performance, telling them they were a "shining example" for all of Colorado's youth.

The squadron has been recognized as the Colorado Wing Squadron of Merit for 2000 and 2002. The squadron color guard won the wing color guard competition this year and took first runner up in the regional competition. They have provided color guard honors at Fort Logan National Cemetery on Memorial Day, for senate events at the state capital, Colorado Rockies games, and many military and veteran's events throughout the year.

Cadet color guard members were: Senior Airman Amanda Jennings, Senior Airman Melissa Jennings, Master Sgt. Alec Atwood and Chief Master Sgt. Leif Sorensen.

Also attending the rally as guests of the squadron were: parents and families of the color guard cadets; Colorado Wing Commander Col. John Buschmann; Air Force Reserve Maj. John Leindecker; squadron commander Capt. Courtney Walsh; squadron public affairs officer 2nd Lt. Brian Brumfield; and cadets Charles Cunningham, Chad Wollam, Michael Soriano, and Ana and Nathanael Callon.

2nd Lt. Brian Brumfield

COLORADO — The Rocky Mountain Cadet Squadron commander spoke about CAP's emergency services mission at a disaster preparedness event Oct. 26.

More than 800 neighbors from Aurora, Colo., gathered to hear panel discussions about disaster preparedness. The wing was represented by squadron commander Maj. Susan McDonald.

McDonald was joined by representatives from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, local sheriff's, police and fire department officials; officials with the city's Office of Emergency Management; health professionals; Red Cross; and local military preparedness personnel. Each organization had information available about how to prepare in times of disaster.

The event was the first of many community activities lined up. This fall the squadron will be presenting safety seminars to local middle school children, hosted by a local recreation center and school district.

The squadron joined forces with the Army National Guard to participate in their drug awareness program and provide activities for kids. It is part of the district's "Drugs and Gang Free" program.

Maj. Susan McDonald

PACIFIC REGION

COMMANDER
COL. PHILLIP S. GROSHONG

ALASKA ★ CALIFORNIA
HAWAII ★ NEVADA
OREGON ★ WASHINGTON

CALIFORNIA — Skyhawks Composite Squadron Cadet Master Sgt. Tarek Elghoroury did something special on his 16th birthday — and it wasn't getting his driver's license.

Elghoroury earned his pilot's wings by flying his first solo flight.

Elghoroury took lessons at Palomar Airport, setting a goal to solo before he could drive a car. Elghoroury loves flying.

The cadet joined the CAP two years ago, and has participated in many activities, served as the squadron flight commander and was the first sergeant at the annual statewide encampment.

Elghoroury's goal is to attend the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo., and eventually serve as a pilot in the Air Force.

1st Lt. Audrey DiGiantomasso

NEVADA — Lt. Col. Doris L. North assumed command of the Clark County Composite Squadron Sept. 5.

North has been the Clark County Squadron personnel and administration officer since 1962, and the squadron testing and supply officer.

At wing headquarters, North served as deputy wing commander from August 1976 to January 1978, and wing director of aerospace education from November 1994 to May 1997. North is currently the Nevada Wing's assistant administration officer.

In her 40-year career, North has been nationally recognized as: CAP Senior Member of the Year, 1991; Air Force Association Member of the Year, 1991; and an individual recipient of the Frank G. Brewer Award, 1994.

Within the wing, North was awarded the Outstanding Commander plaque, 1985 and 1988; Wing Aerospace Member of the Year, 1985; Outstanding Senior Member, 1991; and received the Nevada Wing Commanders Commendation four times.

North has been emergency services qualified since 1962 in various capacities, most recently as mission coordinator/incident commander for search and rescue and counterdrug missions. North has participated in 375 missions.

Maj. Garret Coleman relinquished his duties at the change-of-command ceremony, presided over by Nevada Wing Commander Col. Matt Wallace. Coleman served as commander for five years.

Maj. Charles R. McCarty

CALIFORNIA — Members of the Saddleback Composite Squadron took home some awards after the California Wing conference Oct. 18-20.

The squadron was awarded the 2002 Composite Squadron of the Year Award, and Maj. Charley Biddle of Huntington Beach, Calif., was honored with the 2002 Aerospace Education Officer of the Year Award.

The following members attended the conference: Maj. Alan Dow, Maj. Larry Southwick, Capt. Kenneth Gonzalez, 1st Lt. Shirlene Bradrick, 2nd Lt. John Foote, 2nd Lt. Liliana Foote, 2nd Lt. Shane Terpstra and Sr. Mbr. Mike Hoover.

C. Tiffany Kolosick

CALIFORNIA — The Bracket Composite Squadron sent 11 cadets and two senior members to the California Wing summer encampment.

The squadron was represented by two senior tactical officers, two cadet staff members and nine basic cadets at the week-long program. The members joined up with about 190 basics, 25 cadet staff and 30 senior members.

The program develops teamwork, time management, self-confidence, stress management and physical fitness. Cadets experienced much of what military life is like rising at 6 a.m., cleaning barracks, participating in drills and learning military customs. Busy from reveille until taps, cadets learned firsthand what attention to detail and teamwork are about. They were also able to participate in many recreational activities including the obstacle course, M-16 orientation range, drill competition, orientation flights and volleyball competition.

Bracket Composite Squadron Cadet Deputy Commander 1st Lt. Thomas Hatch acted served as noncommissioned officer flight sergeant of Bravo Flight and squadron cadet commander 1st Lt. Scott Marikian served as flight commander of Echo Flight. Deputy cadet commander Lt. Col. Ken Hartwell and Leadership Non Commissioned Officer In Charge Technical Sgt. Jeff Ward served as tactical training officers, coaching and guiding cadet staff members.

Hartwell was the primary training officer for Alpha Flight and Ward served as a TAC officer trainee for Bravo Flight. Both were rewarded with excellent performances by the staff and members of their flights. Alpha Flight was selected as the honor flight, while Bravo Flight was selected as the daily honor flight Aug. 25.

Squadron cadets members attending the encampment were: Brian Williams, Christopher Alvarado, Joel Betz and Todd Rasmussen Jr., Sarah Goodman, Amy Jones, Christopher Abalo, James Solomon, Michael Allard, Daniel Sampson and Carlos Sandoval.

1st Lt. Adelle McKinney

CALIFORNIA — Bracket Composite Squadron members participated in a Sept. 11 memorial service.

The squadron members, accompanied by Lt. Col. Ken Hartwell, participated in the city of Covina's "9/11" memorial candlelight service.

As specially invited guests of Mayor Pro-Tem Walter Allen III, a former CAP cadet, squadron members led the procession of volunteers who carried placards listing the names of all of the victims who died in the terrorist attacks last year. City officials, police and fire personnel each spoke about the importance of keeping the memories alive.

Lt. Col. Ken Hartwell

CALIFORNIA — Chino Cadet Squadron members participated in the Labor Day Parade in Norco, Ca., for the second year in a row.

This year they added the ground team vehicle owned by deputy commander 1st Lt. John Binder. The color guard marched in front, and candy was thrown from the vehicle.

Cadet color guard members were staff Sgt. James Esqueda, Airman 1st Class Nick Boswell, Airman Andrew Botts, Airman 1st Class Katie Millsbaugh and Airman 1st Class Ryan Lynn.

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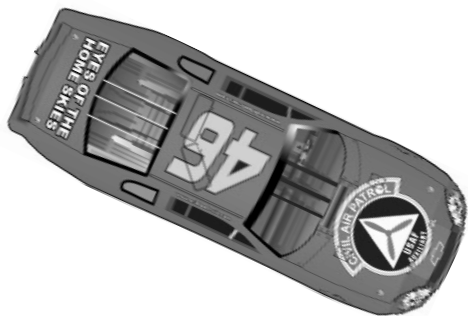
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Ashton Lewis Jr.



Lewis Jr., Busby marry in North Carolina

ASHEVILLE, N.C. — Ashton Lewis, Jr., the driver of the No. 46 Civil Air Patrol NASCAR Busch Grand National car, and Meredith Busby were married Dec. 14 in a ceremony at the Grove Park Inn Resort and Spa located in Asheville, North Carolina.

The wedding took place at 5 p.m. in the resort's country club, and was attended by about 100 of the couple's family and friends.

The couple first met in 1999 when Busby, originally from Talladega, Ala., moved to Concord, N.C., to pursue a career in motorsports. They dated for nearly a year, and Ashton proposed at a restaur-

ant in Key Largo in November 2000, on the evening following the final racing event of the season at Homestead-Miami Speedway.

Busby attended Jacksonville State University (Jacksonville, Ala.), and was originally pursuing a degree in the nursing field. After a couple of years, she decided to change her major to public relations. She did an internship at The International Motorsports Hall of Fame and Museum in Talladega, Ala., and later was offered a job in the public relations department at Talladega Superspeedway.

Lewis, who is originally from Chesapeake, Va., com-

pleted his mechanical engineering degree at Old Dominion University, while he raced on weekends in the NASCAR Winston Racing Series at Langley and Southampton Speedways in Virginia. In 1998, he entered eight Busch series events and placed an admirable third at Watkins Glen.

In 1999, Lewis went to work as an engineer at Akins Motorsports, but left at the end of the year to form Lewis Motorsports along with his brother, Charlie Lewis, and their father.

The couple flew out early on Dec. 15 to enjoy their honeymoon in Kauai, Hawaii.

Photo by Robin Kauffman



Ashton Lewis Jr. and Meredith Busby pose for a photo during their wedding in Asheville, N.C., Dec. 14. Lewis is the driver of the No. 46 Civil Air Patrol NASCAR Busch Grand National car.

2003 Busch Series Schedule

Feb 15	Koolerz 300	Daytona Int'l Speedway	Jul 4	TBA	Daytona Int'l Speedway
Feb 22	Rockingham 200	North Carolina Speedway	Jul 12	Tropicana Twister 300	Chicagoland Speedway
Mar 1	Sam's Town 300	Las Vegas Motor Speedway	Jul 19	New England 200	New Hampshire Int'l Speedway
Mar 15	darlingtonraceway.com 200	Darlington Raceway	Jul 26	Colorado 250 Pikes	Peak Int'l Raceway
Mar 22	Channellock 250	Bristol Motor Speedway	Aug 2	To be announced	Indianapolis Raceway Park
Mar 29	O'Reilly 300	Texas Motor Speedway	Aug 16	To be announced	Michigan Int'l Speedway
Apr 5	Aaron's 312	Talladega Superspeedway	Aug 22	Food City 250	Bristol Motor Speedway
Apr 12	Pepsi 300	Nashville Superspeedway	Aug 30	To be announced	Darlington Raceway
Apr 26	3 Auto Club 300	California Speedway	Sep 5	Funai 250	Richmond Int'l Raceway
May 2	Hardee's 250	Richmond Int'l Raceway	Sep 20	Dover 200	Dover Int'l Speedway
May 10	Gateway 250	Gateway Int'l Raceway	Oct 4	Mr. Goodcents 300	Kansas Speedway
May 18	To be announced	Nazareth Speedway	Oct 10	Little Trees 300	Lowe's Motor Speedway
May 24	Carquest Auto Parts 300	Lowe's Motor Speedway	Oct 18	Sam's Town 250	Memphis Motorsports Park
May 31	MBNA Platinum 200	Dover Int'l Speedway	Oct 25	Aaron's 312	Atlanta Motor Speedway
Jun 7	The Nashville 300	Nashville Superspeedway	Nov 1	Bashas' Supermarkets 200	Phoenix Intl. Raceway
Jun 14	To be announced	Kentucky Speedway	Nov 8	Sam's Club 200	North Carolina Speedway
Jun 29	GNC Live Well 250	The Milwaukee Mile	Nov 15	Ford 300	Homestead-Miami Speedway

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